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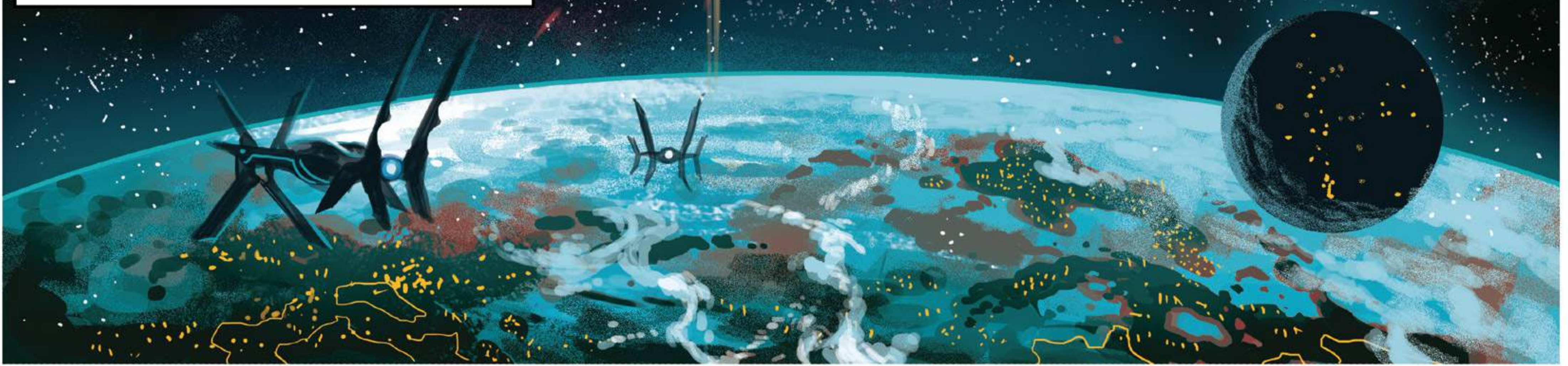
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THE INTERGALACTIC EMPIRE OF WAKANDA

TWO THOUSAND YEARS AGO, A DETACHMENT OF WAKANDANS ESTABLISHED A SMALL, DESOLATE COLONY ON THE OUTER EDGES OF THE COSMOS.

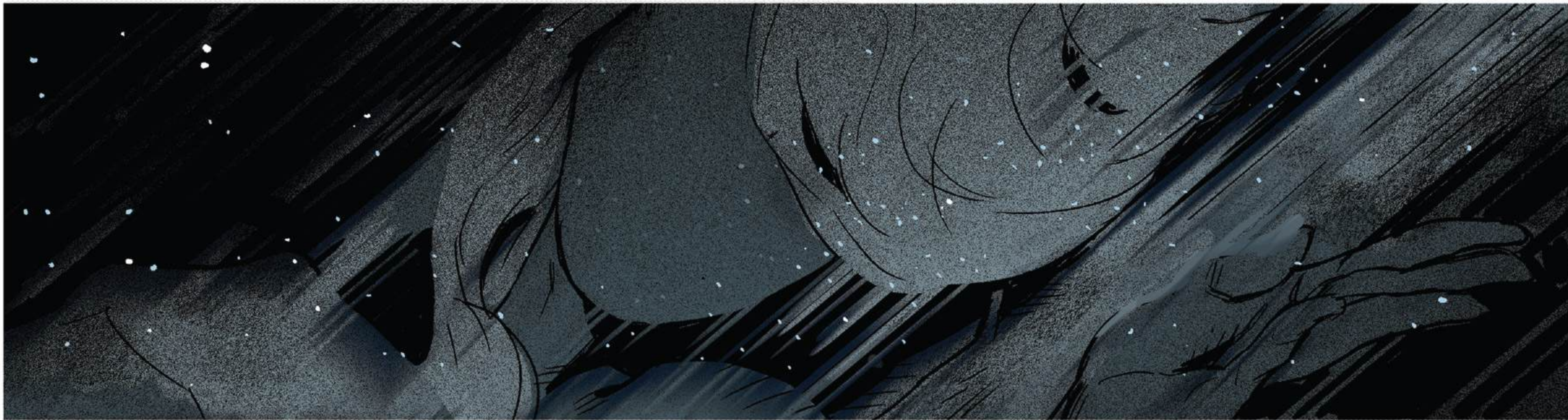
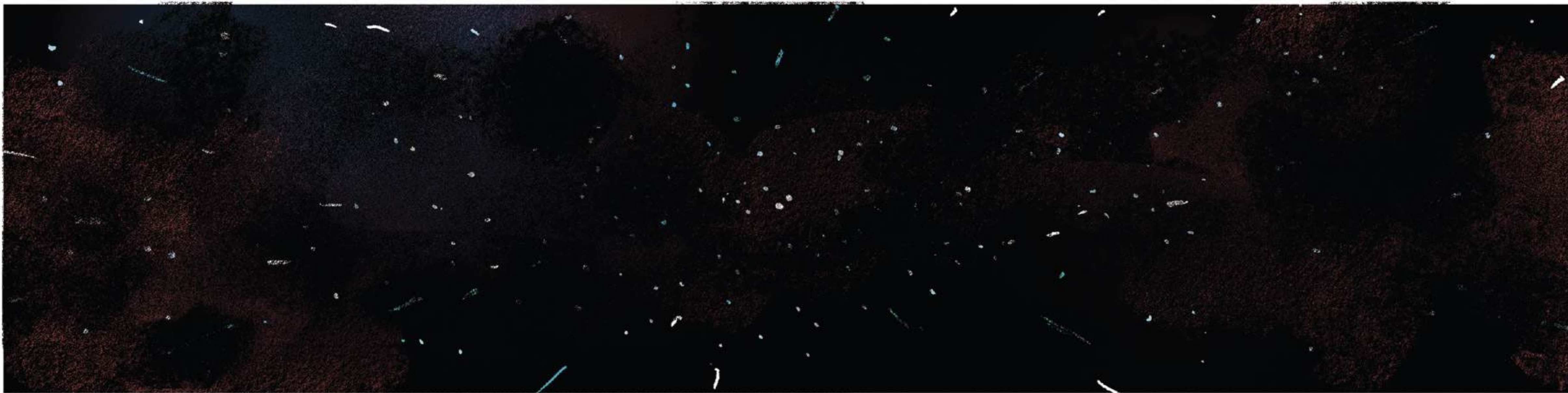


SEPARATED FROM THEIR HOMELAND AND BESIEGED BY THE WHIMS OF DEEP SPACE, THESE WAKANDANS PUSHED THEIR COUNTRY'S TRADITIONAL NOTION OF SELF-DEFENSE TO RADICAL ENDS--TRUE SELF-DEFENSE MEANT THE CONQUEST OF ALL POTENTIAL FOES.



ON THIS BELLICOSE ETHIC, A SMALL, STARVING COLONY WAS TRANSFORMED INTO AN EMPIRE SPANNING FIVE GALAXIES. NOW THESE SPACE-FARING WAKANDANS HAVE SET THEIR ACQUISITIVE EYES ON A NEW GALAXY--OUR OWN.

THIS IS THE STORY OF THE ONLY MAN WHO COULD STOP THEM--A KING WHO SOUGHT TO BE A HERO, A HERO WHO WAS REDUCED TO A SLAVE, A SLAVE WHO ADVANCED INTO LEGEND.



...COME
BACK TO
ME...



...COME
BACK
HOME.



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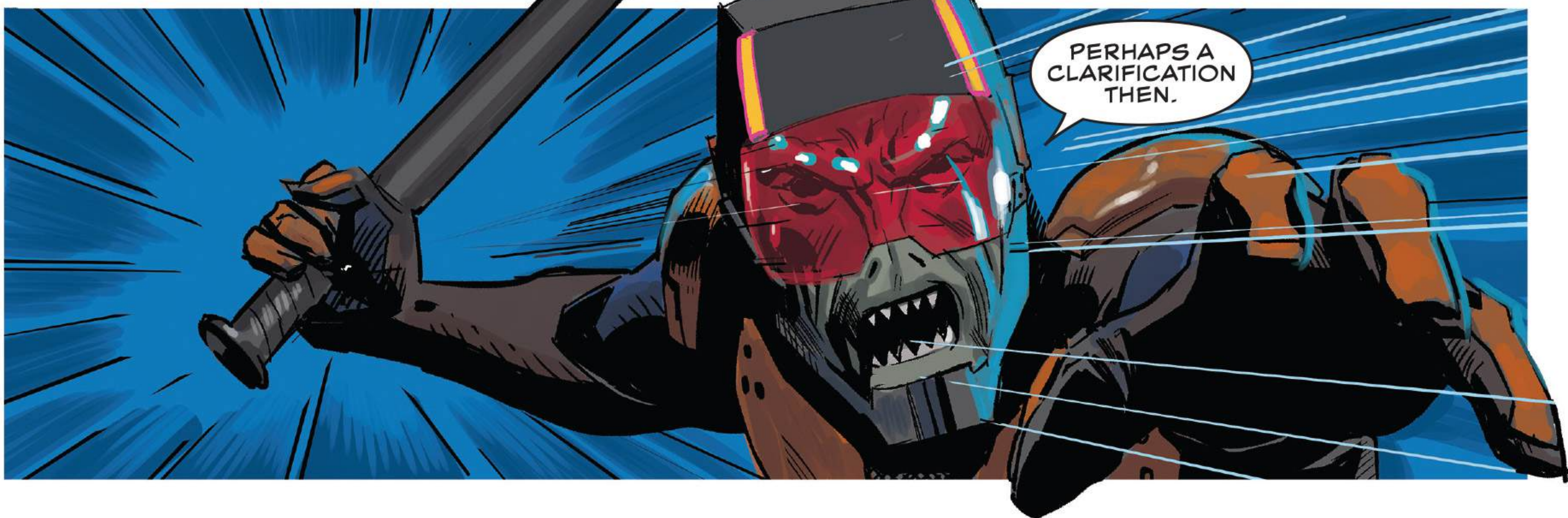


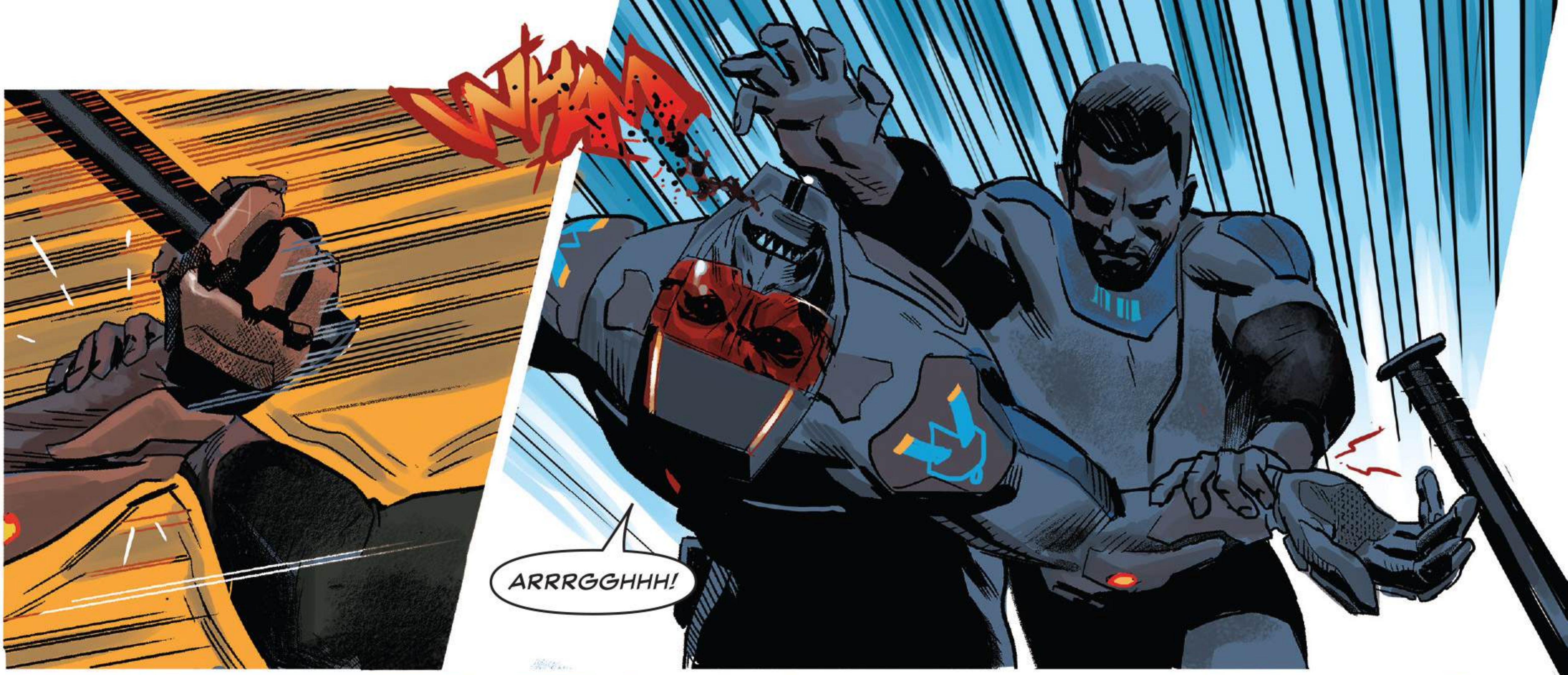
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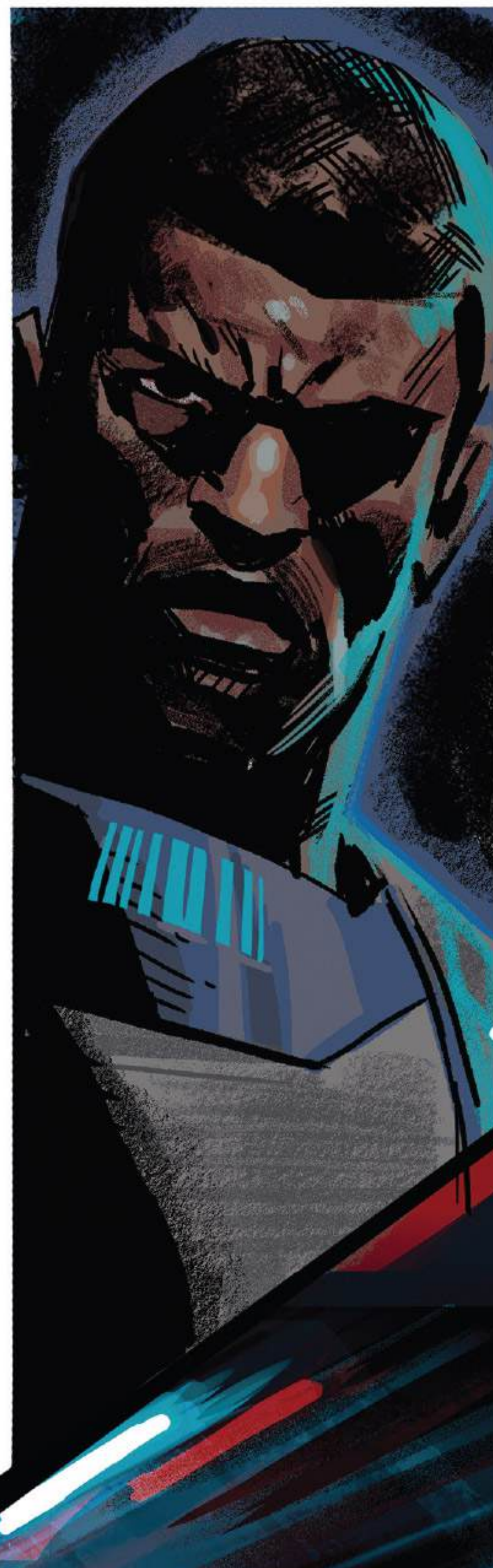
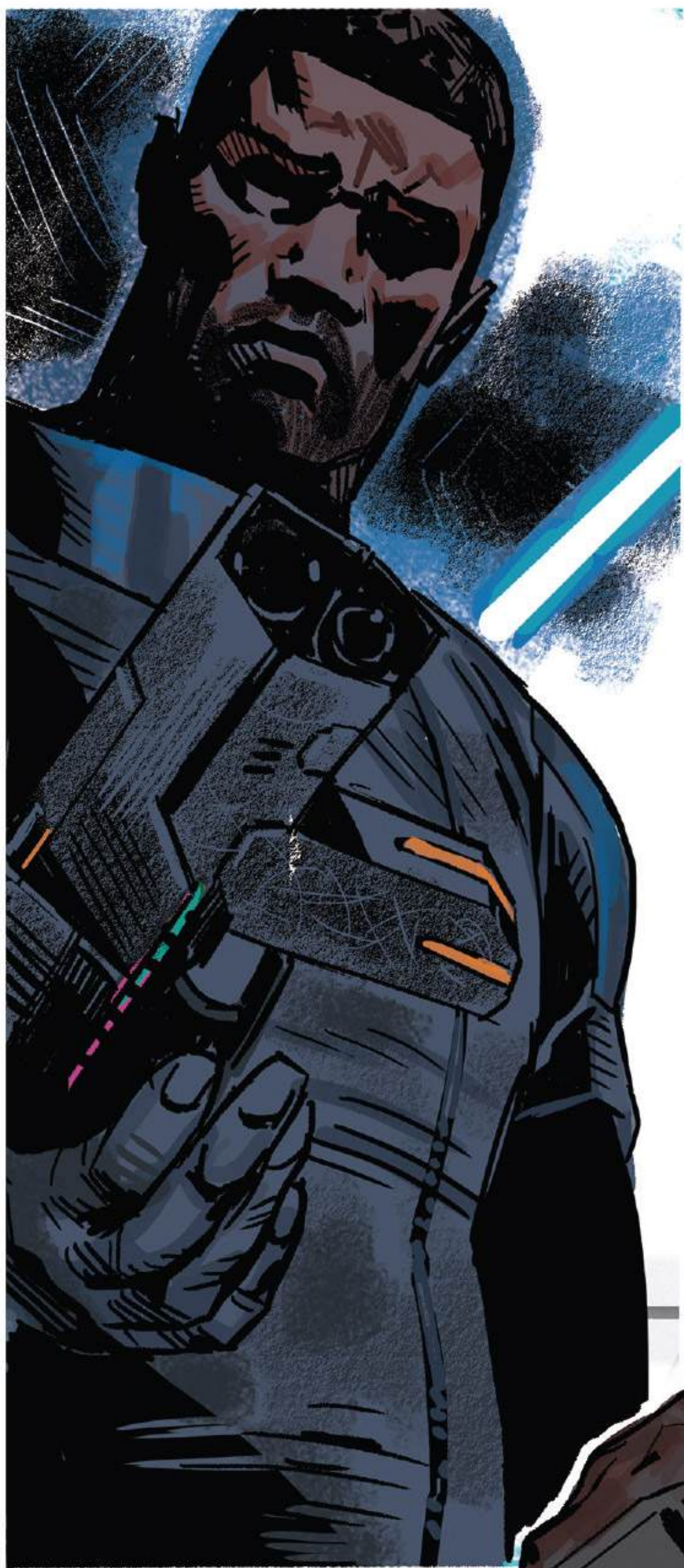
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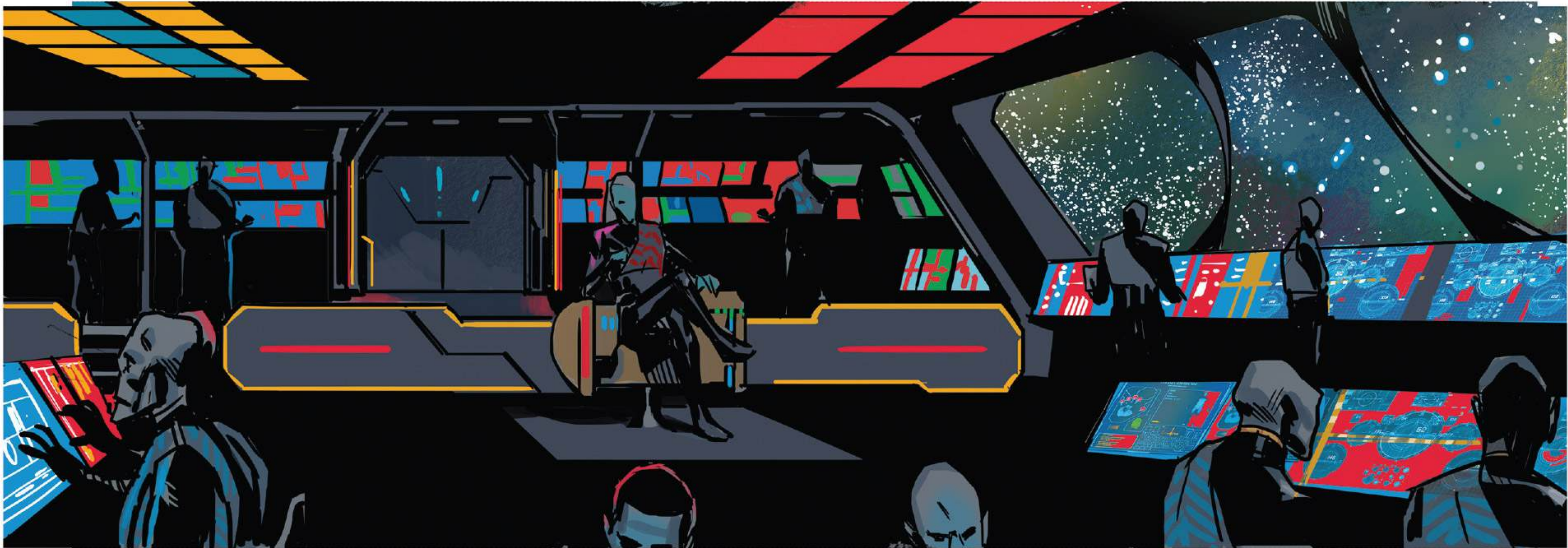
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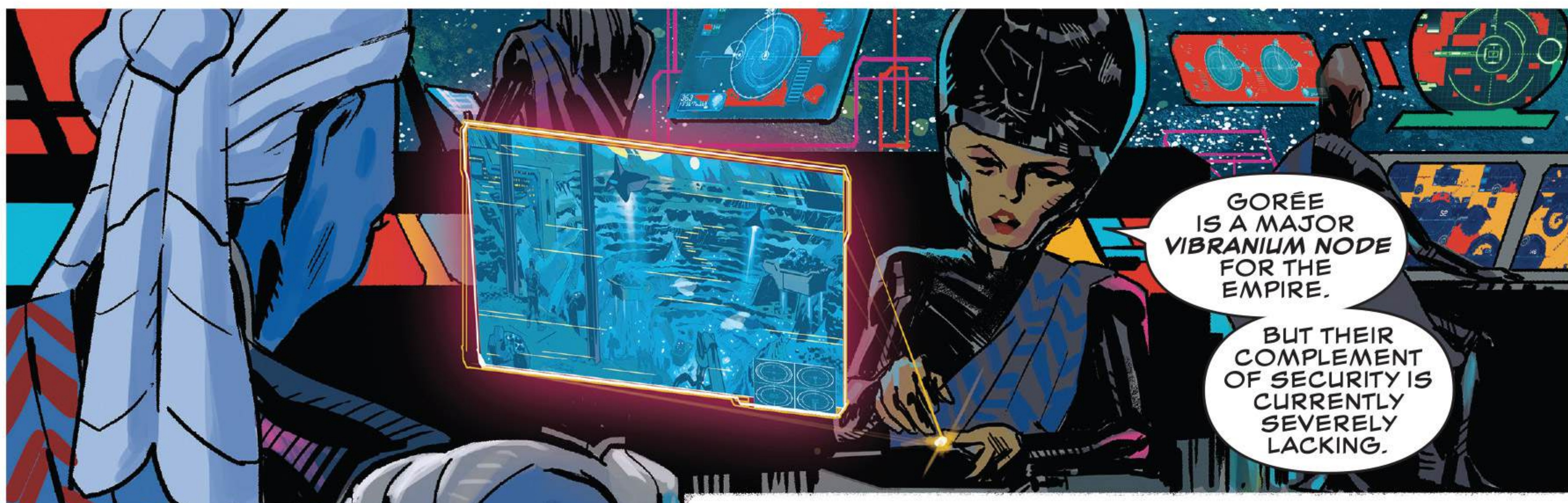












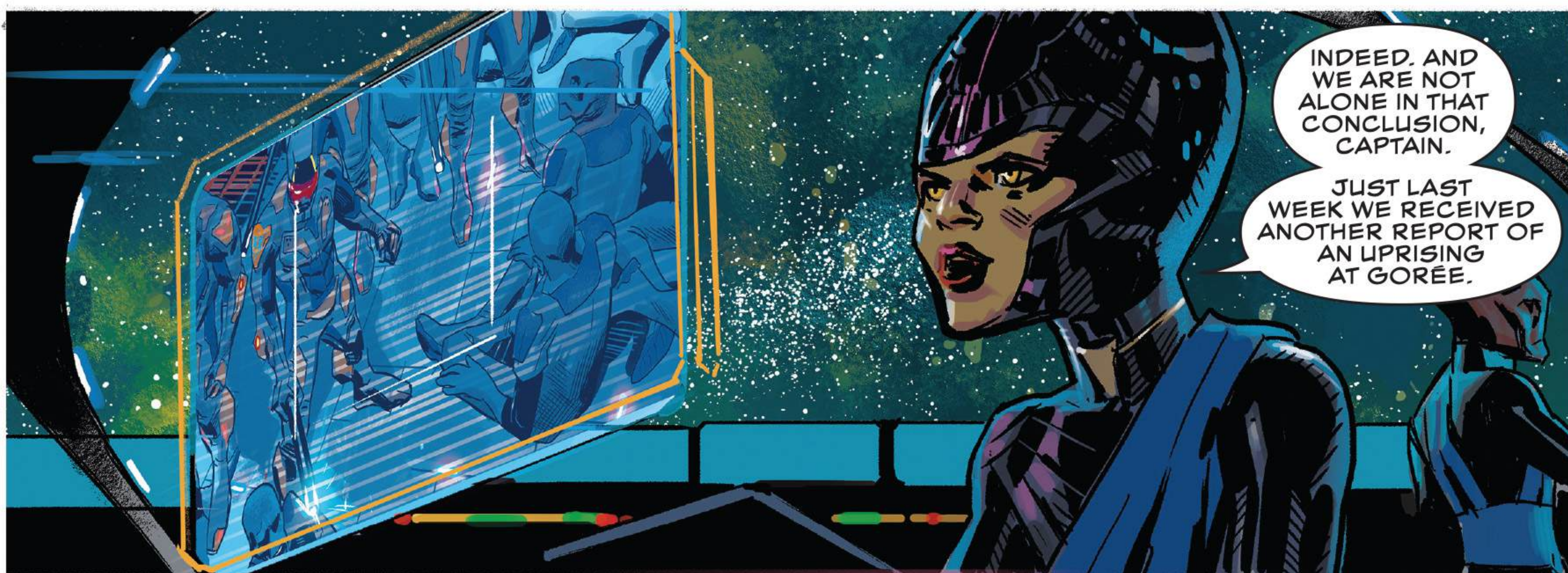
GORÉE
IS A MAJOR
VIBRANIUM NODE
FOR THE
EMPIRE.

BUT THEIR
COMPLEMENT
OF SECURITY IS
CURRENTLY
SEVERELY
LACKING.



WE KNEW THE
EMPIRE WOULD
ONE DAY OVERREACH.
THE *SHI'AR* WAR
APPEARS TO HAVE
DONE IT.

THIS
MAY BE
OUR MOMENT,
TAKU.



INDEED. AND
WE ARE NOT
ALONE IN THAT
CONCLUSION,
CAPTAIN.

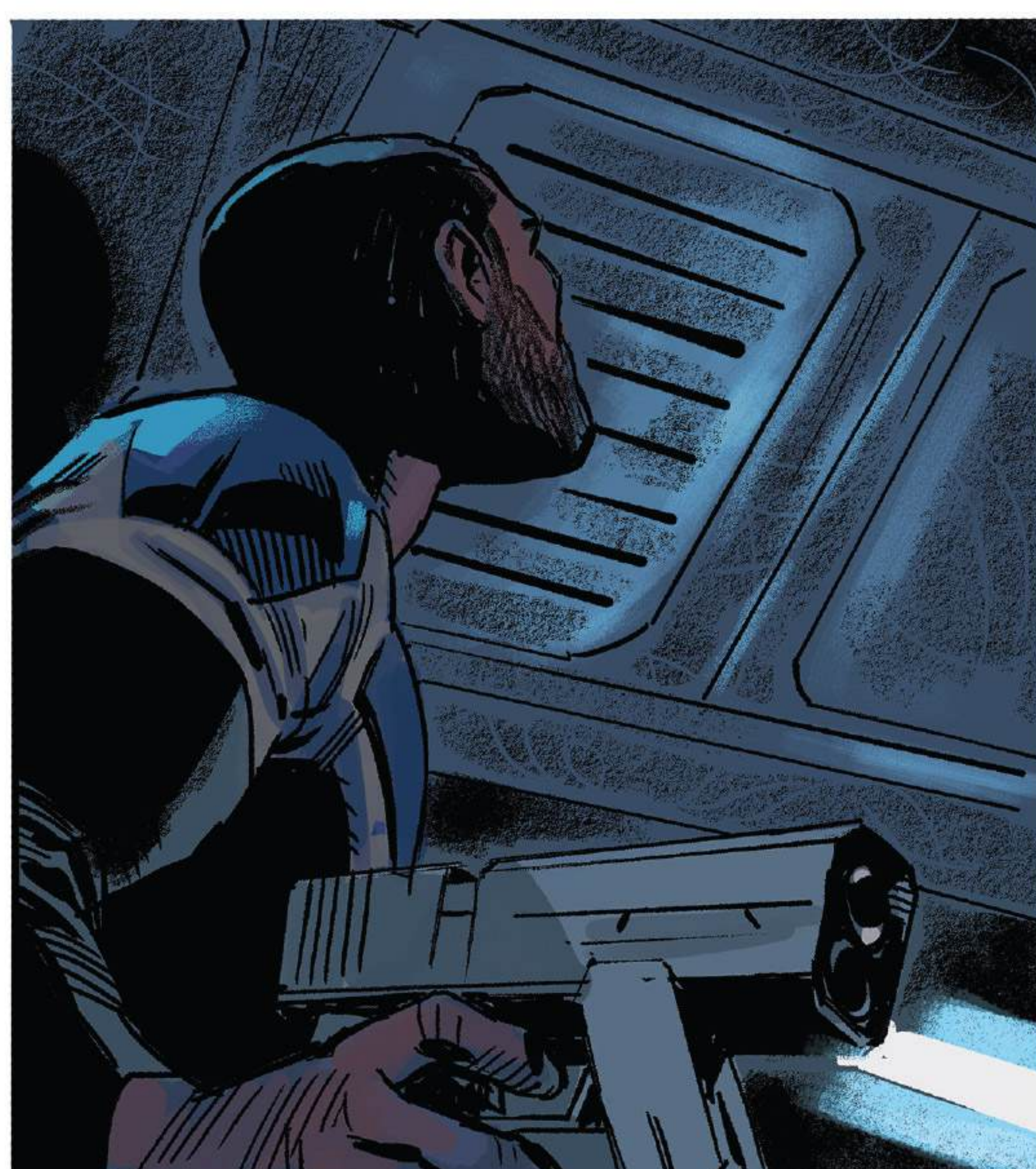
JUST LAST
WEEK WE RECEIVED
ANOTHER REPORT OF
AN UPRISING
AT GORÉE.

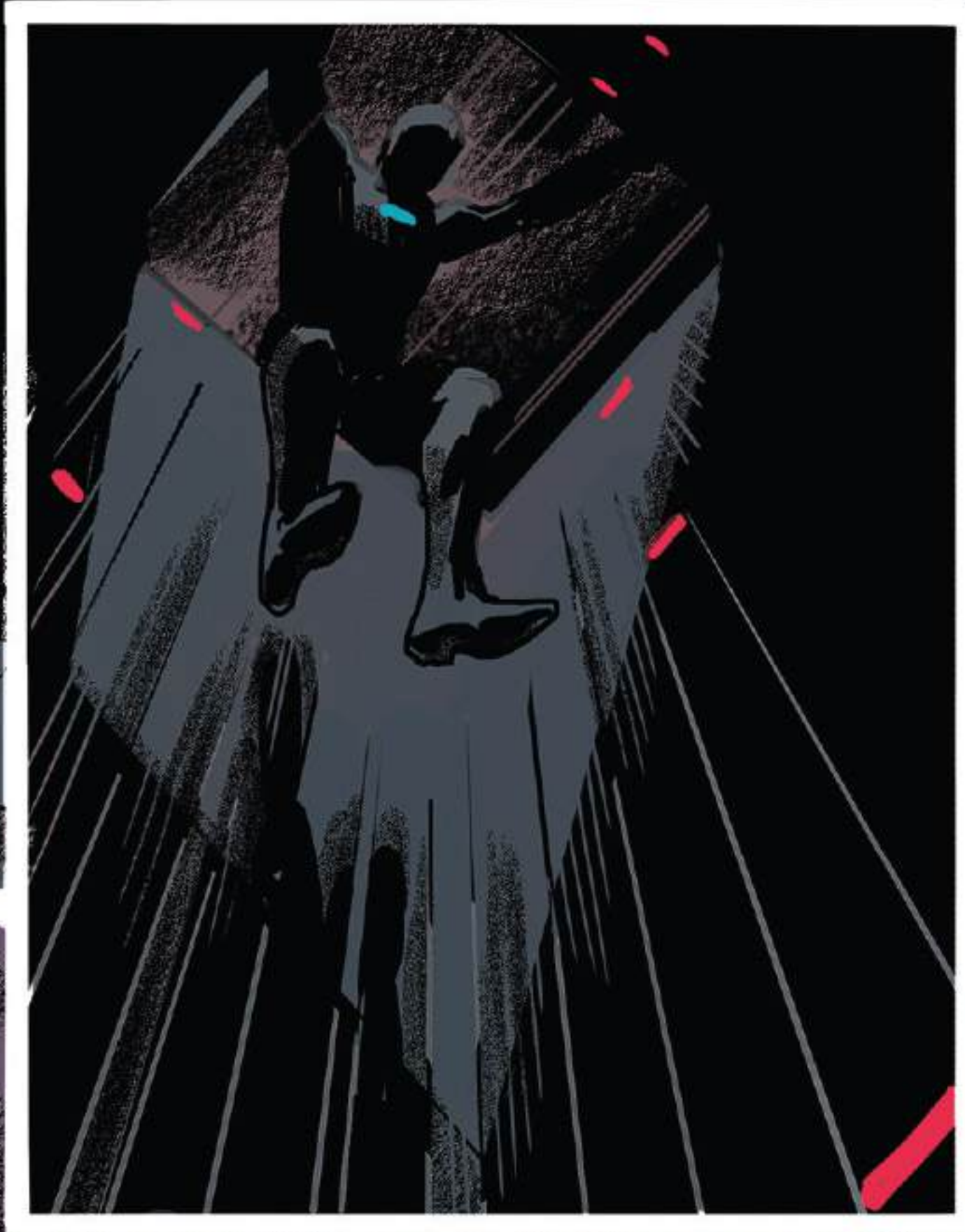


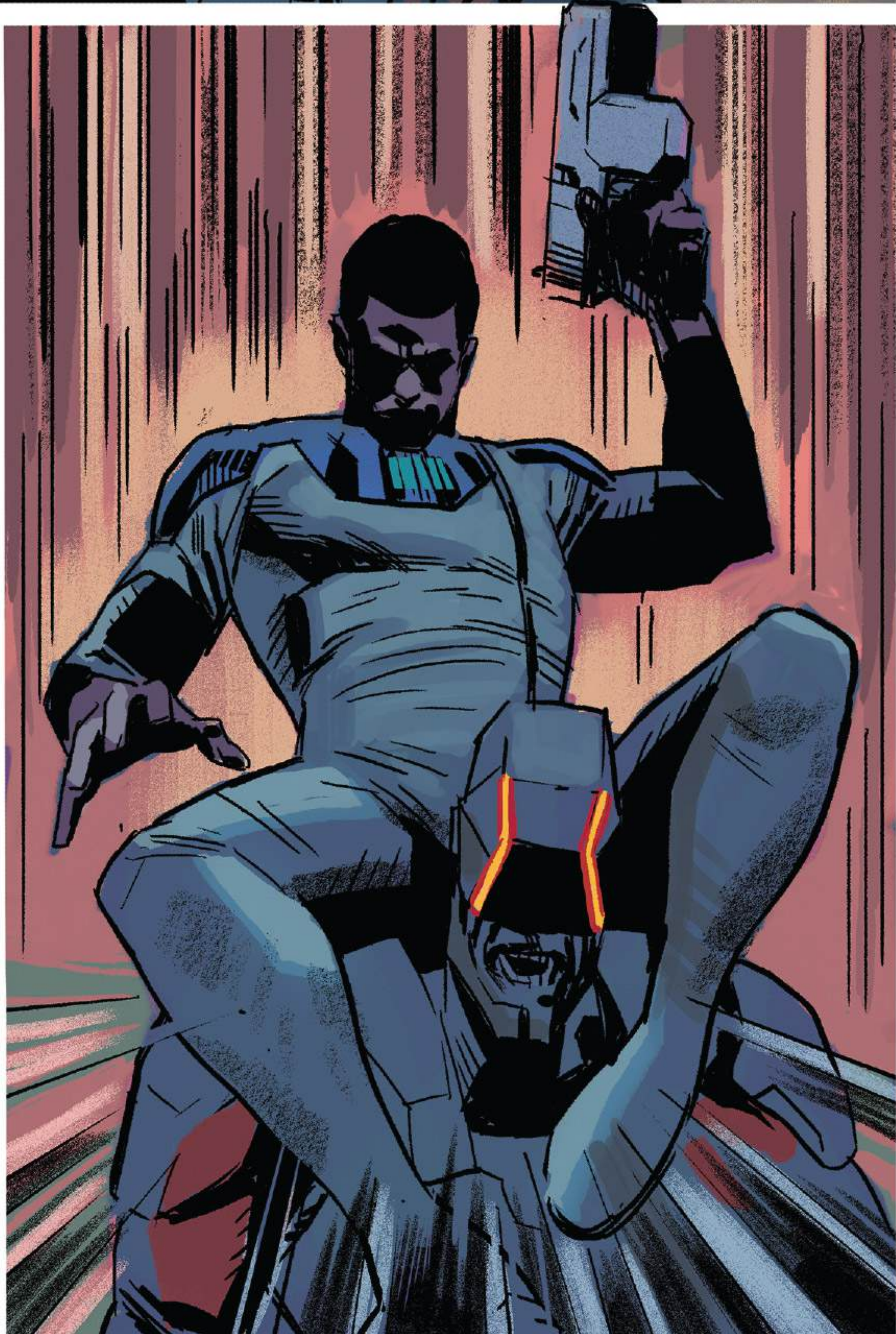
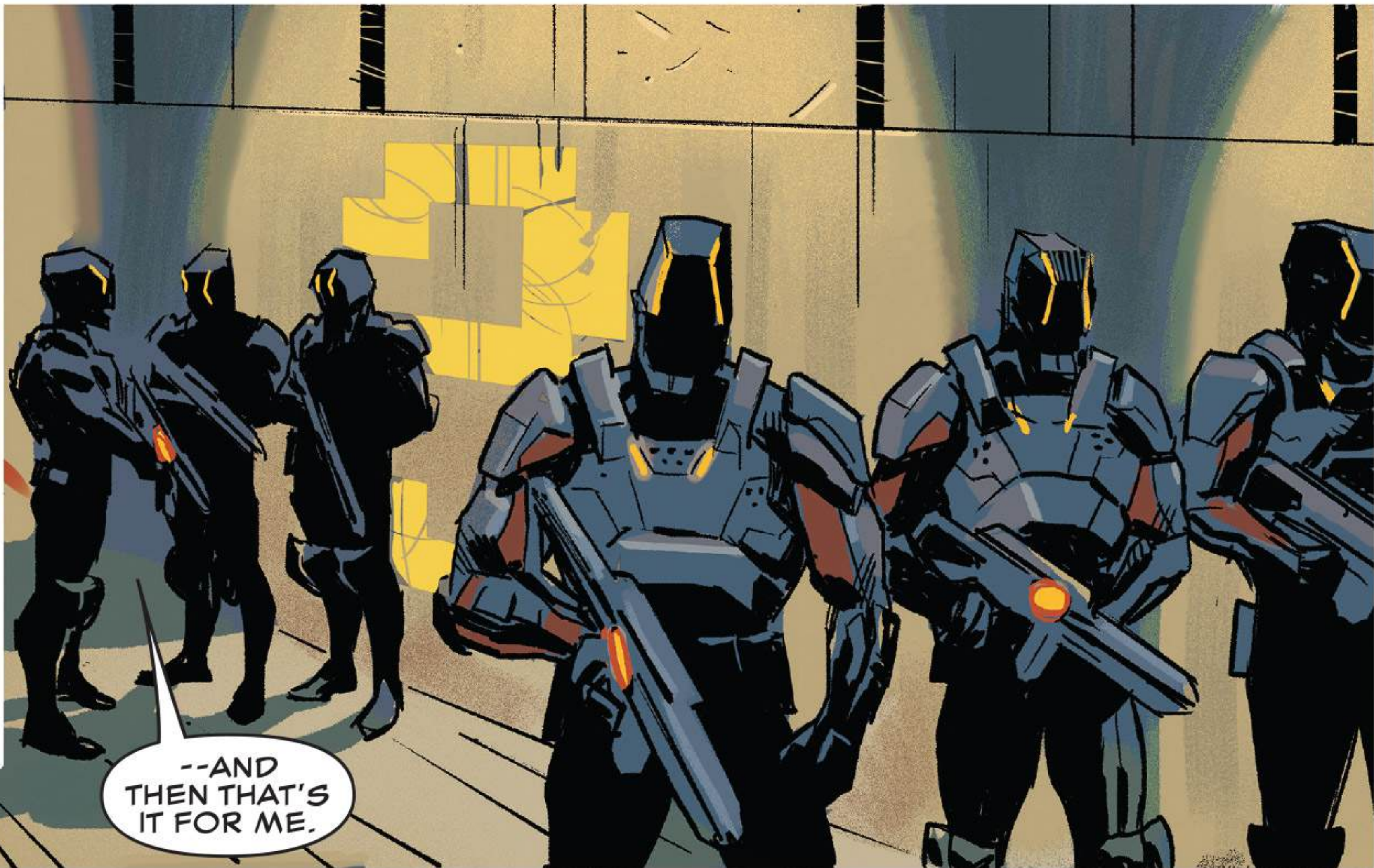
HOW MANY
MEN?



ONE.

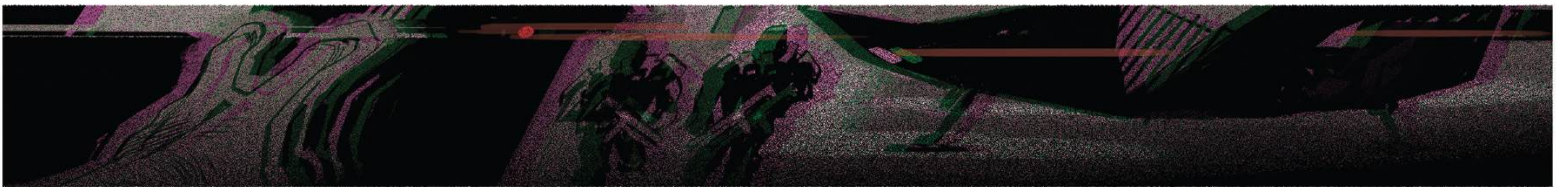












THE MACKANDAL

HOW DO WE KNOW THEY'LL EVEN FIGHT?

WE DON'T.

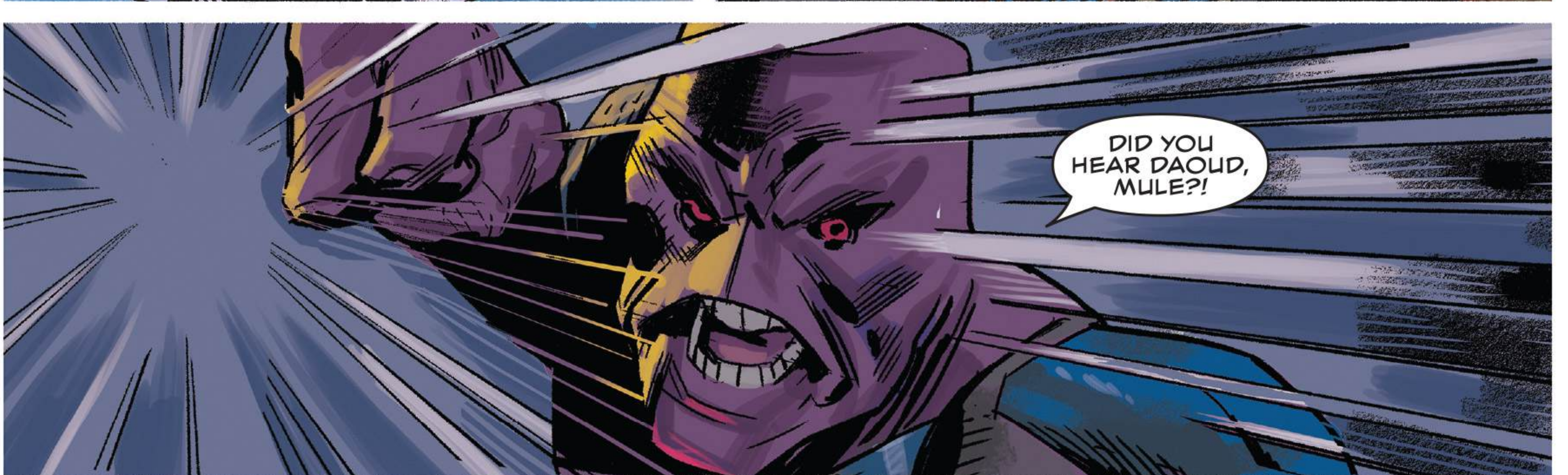
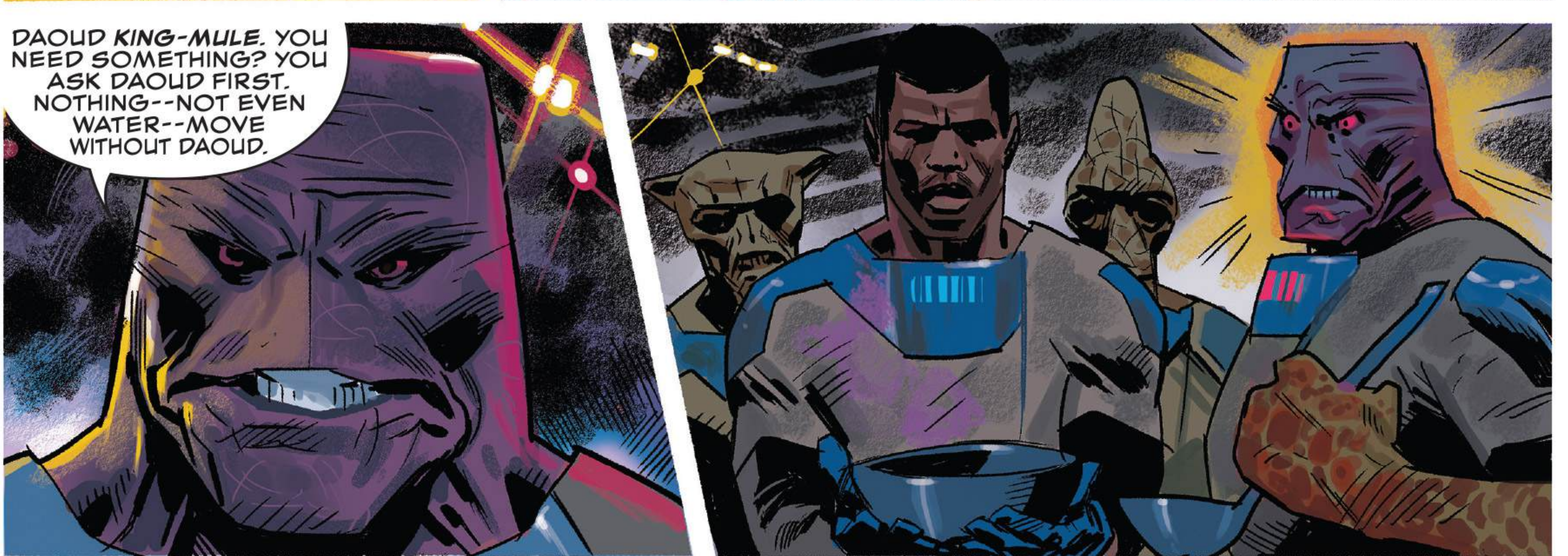
BUT IF WE'RE EVER GOING TO GO BEYOND THESE RAGTAG HIT-AND-RUNS, WE NEED MORE SOLDIERS.

AND WE'VE GOT INTELLIGENCE THAT GOREE IS A FACTORY FOR THEM.

I DON'T KNOW, NAKIA. IT FEELS DESPERATE.

AND WHEN HAVE WE NOT BEEN DESPERATE, M'BAKU?









DAOUD
TRY TELLING
YOU NICE-LIKE,
BOY.



DAOUD BE
PEACEABLE.



BUT
YOU PUSH
DAOUD.

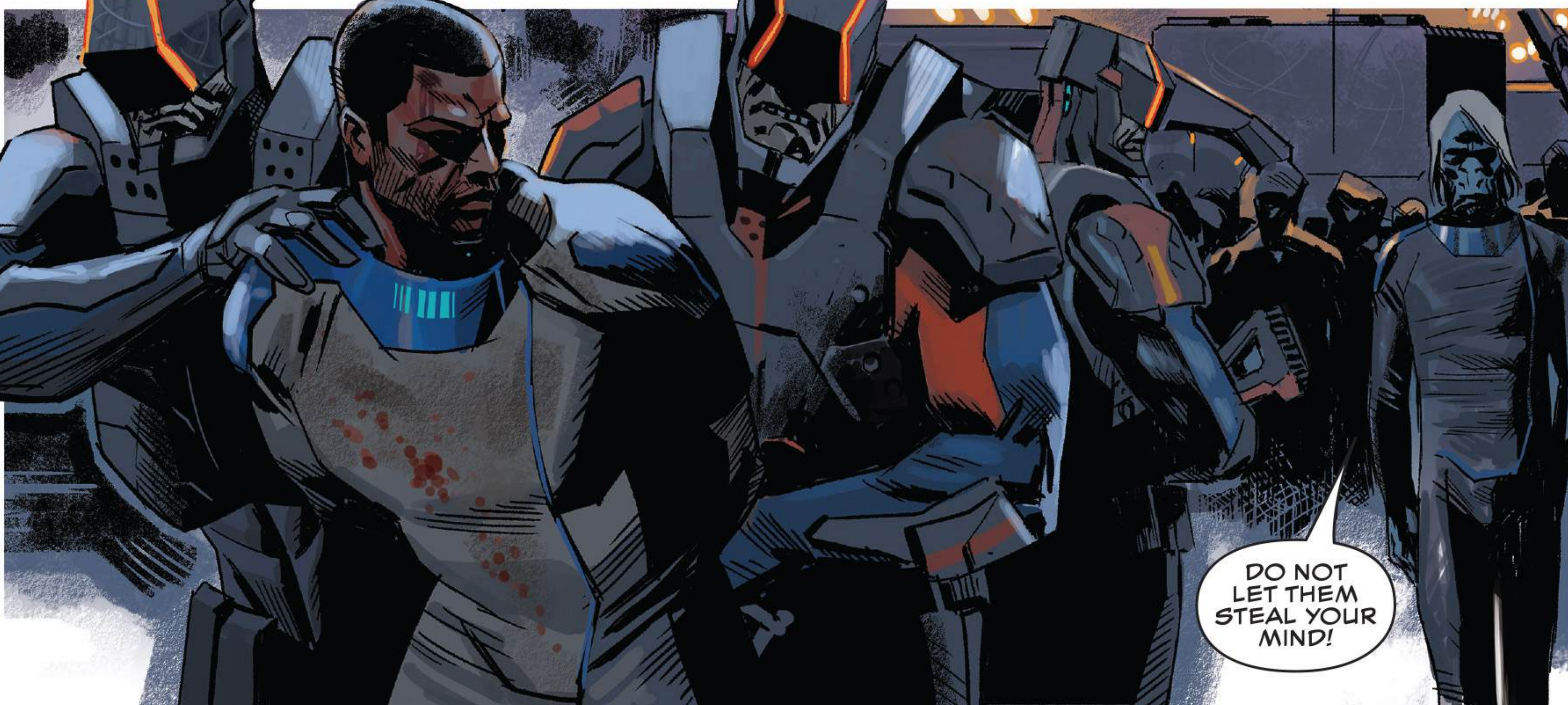
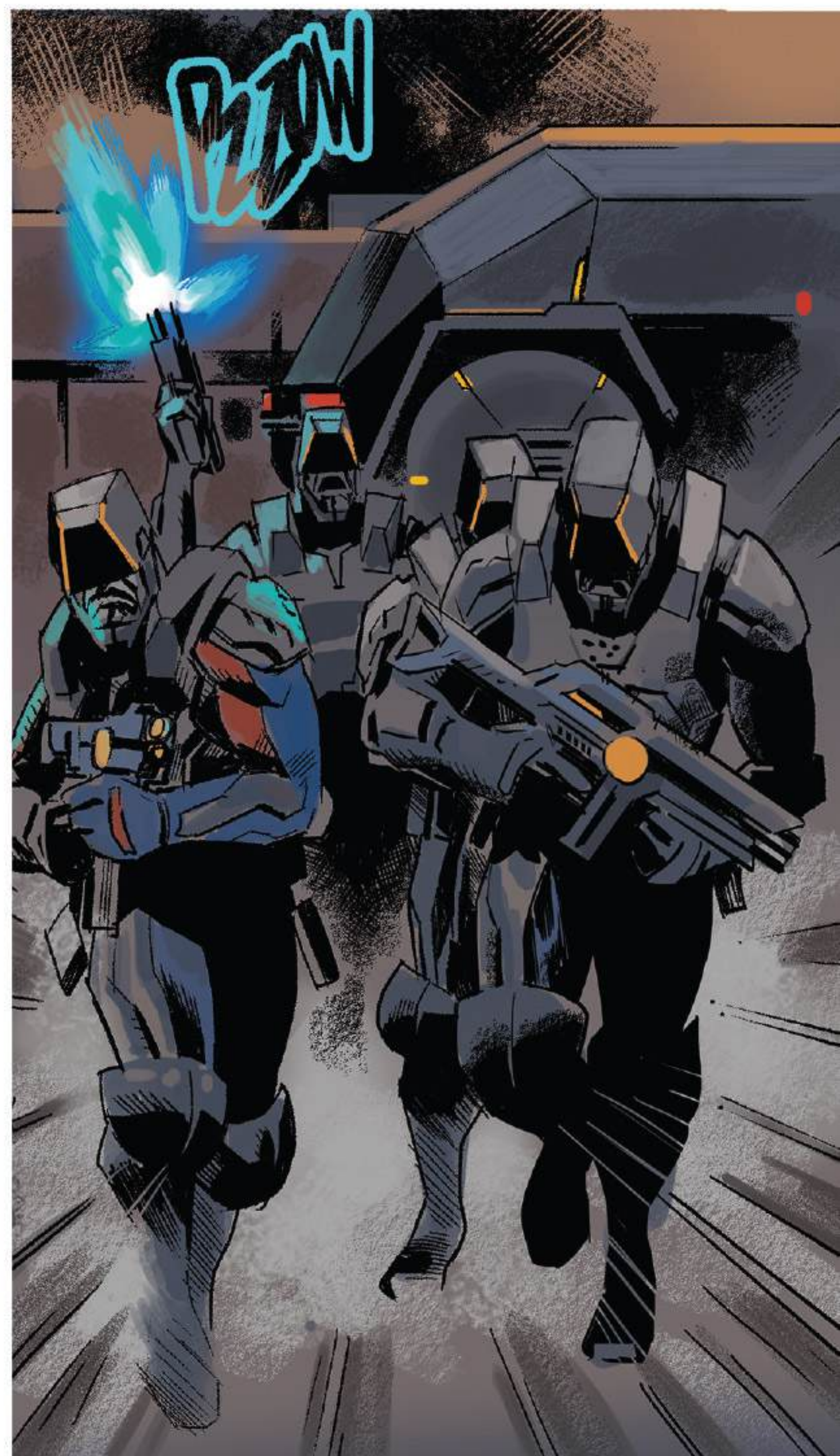


AND
DAOUD PUSH
BACK!

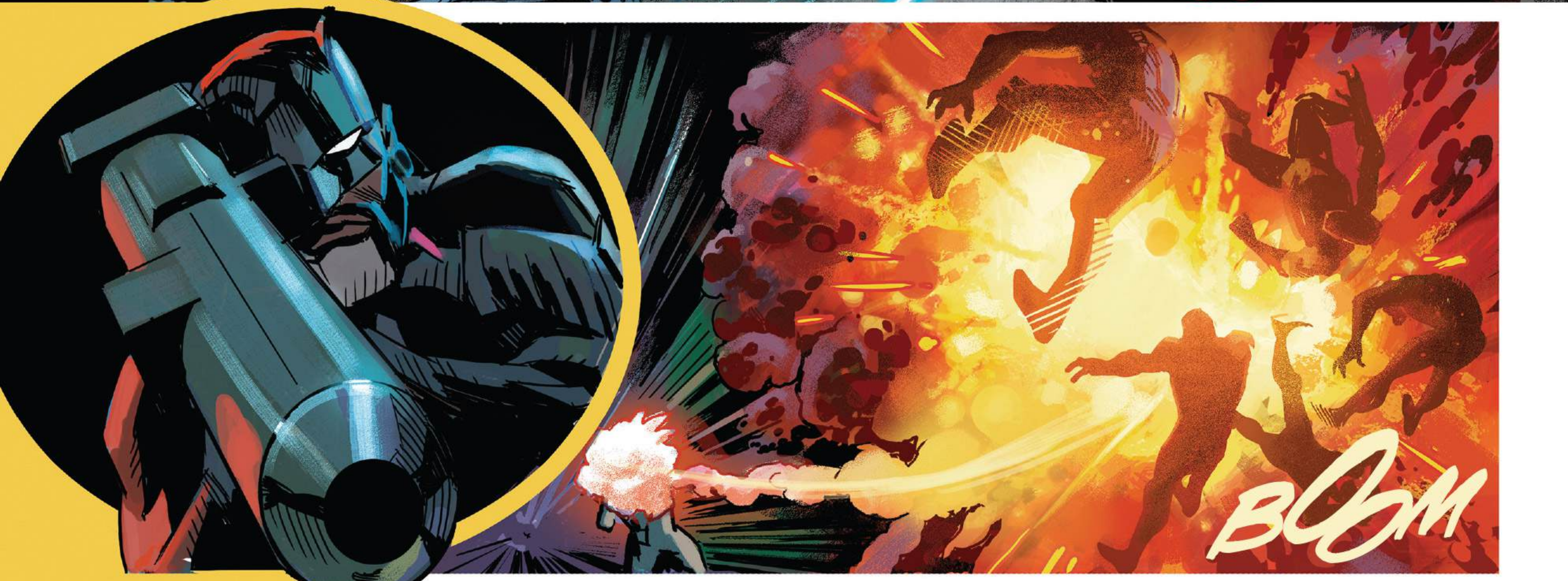


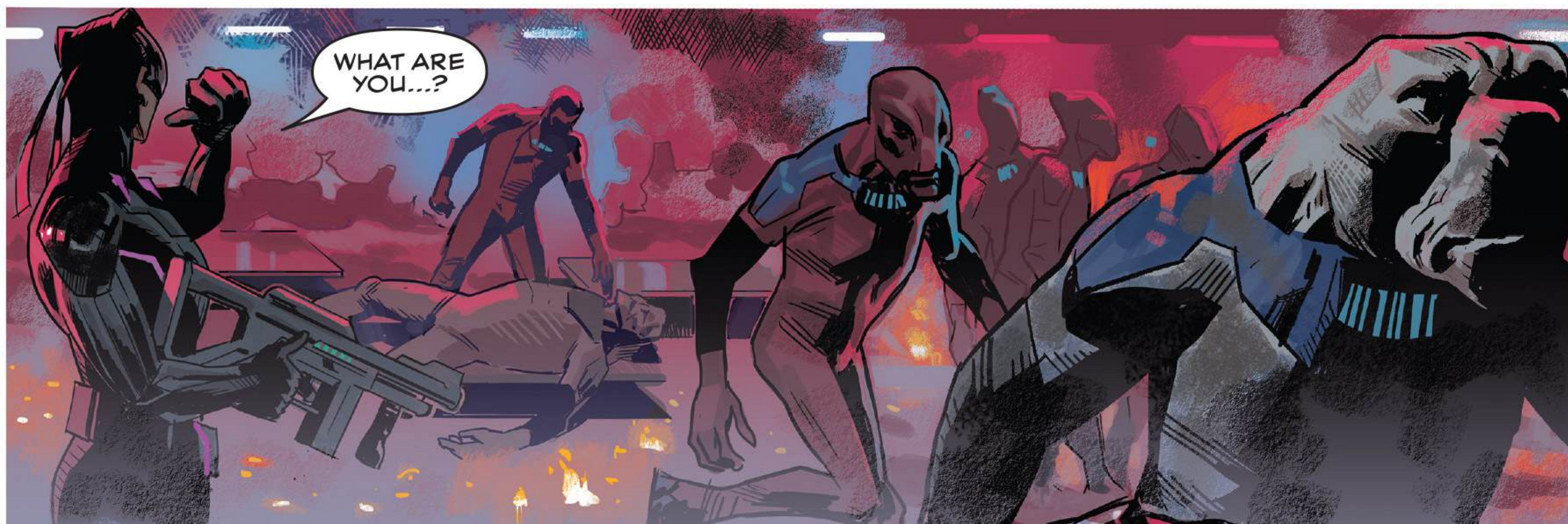
GLFFF!





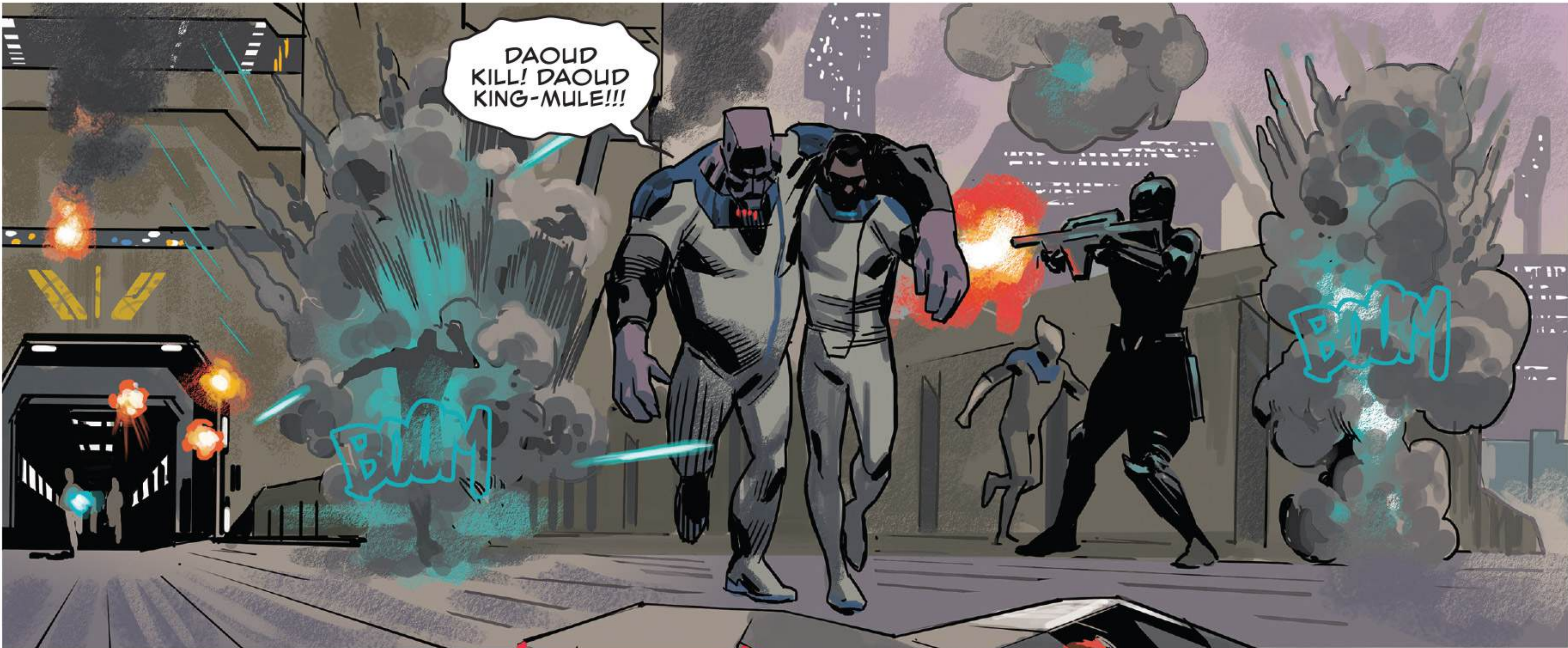


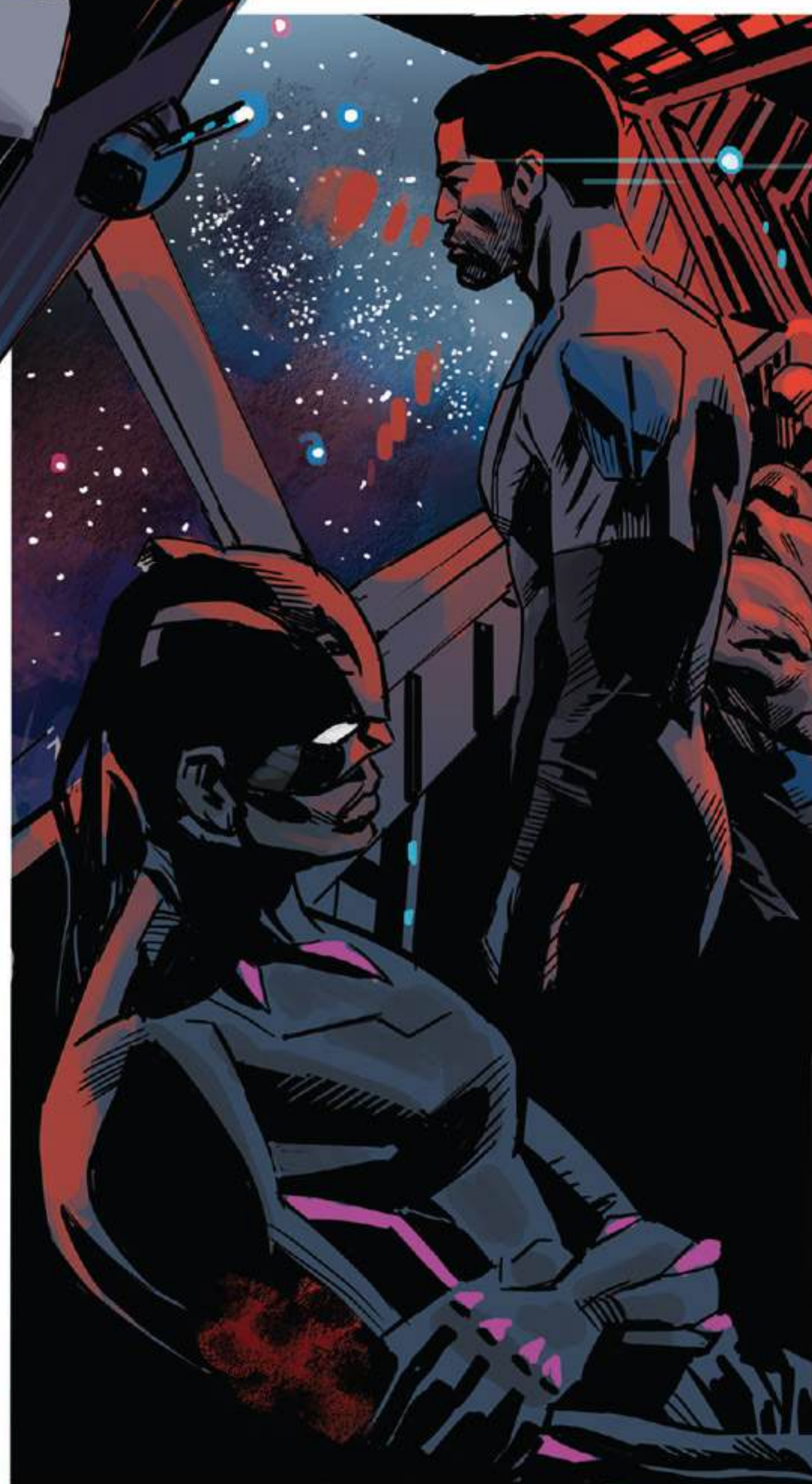


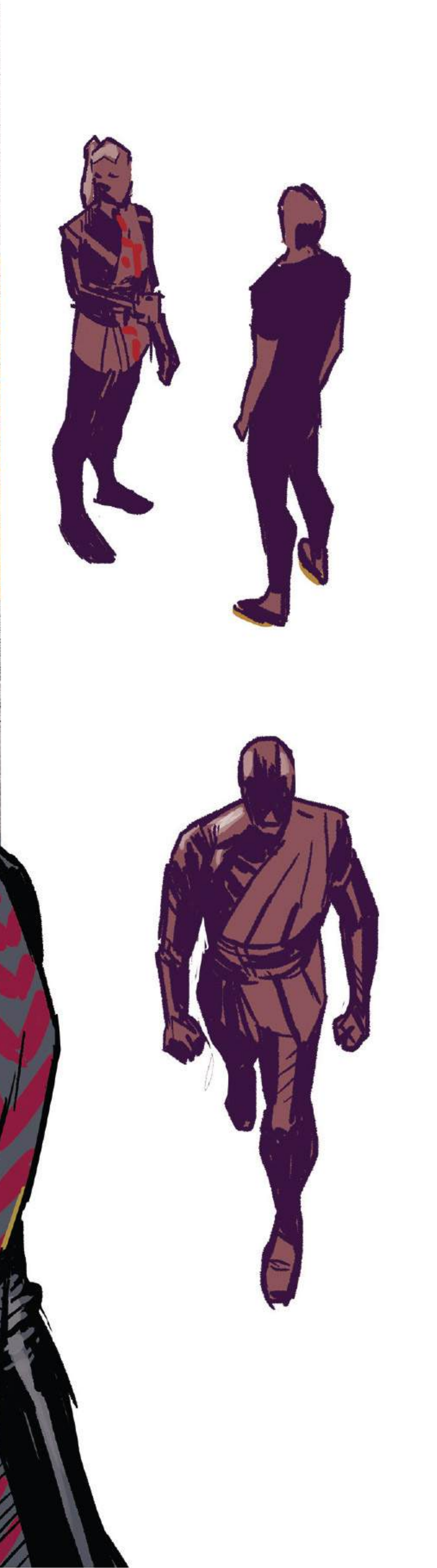
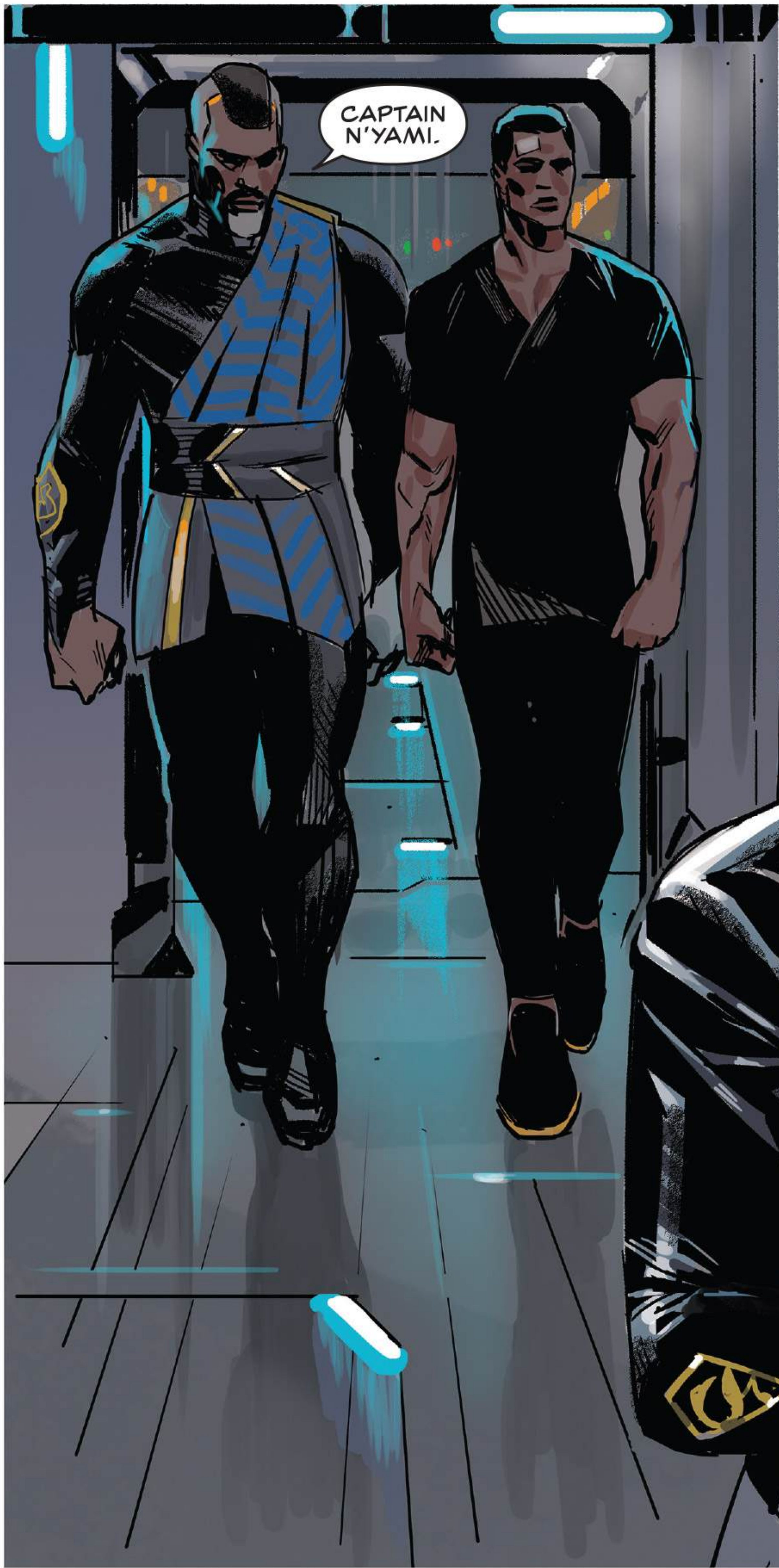
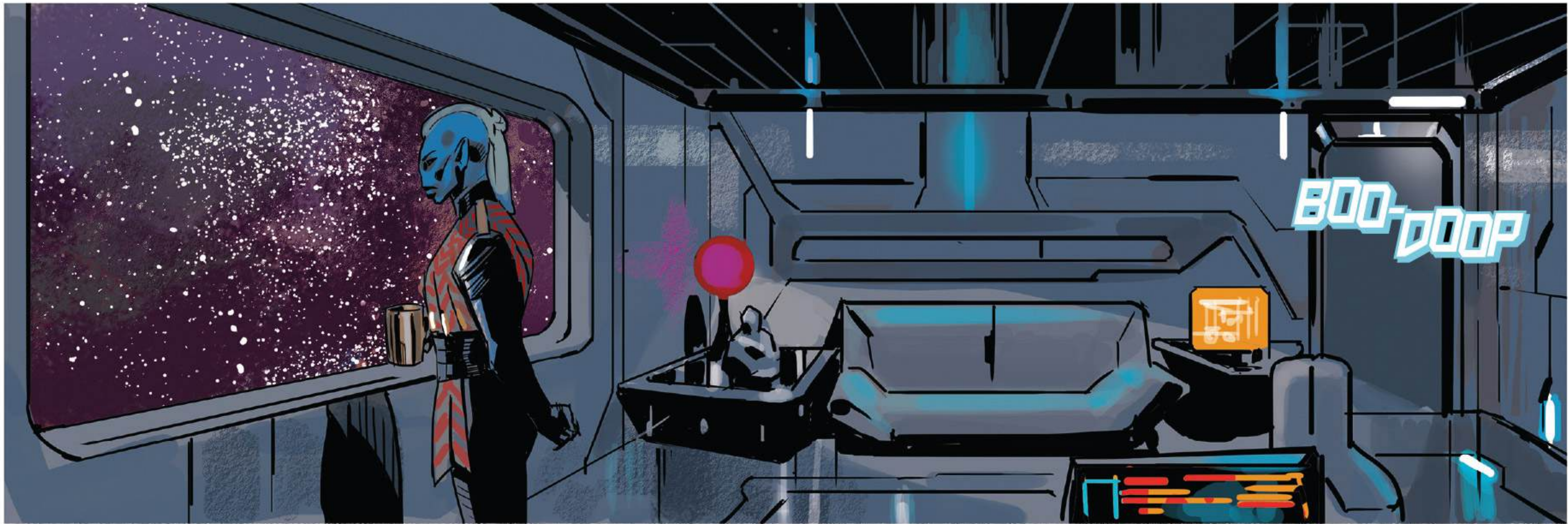


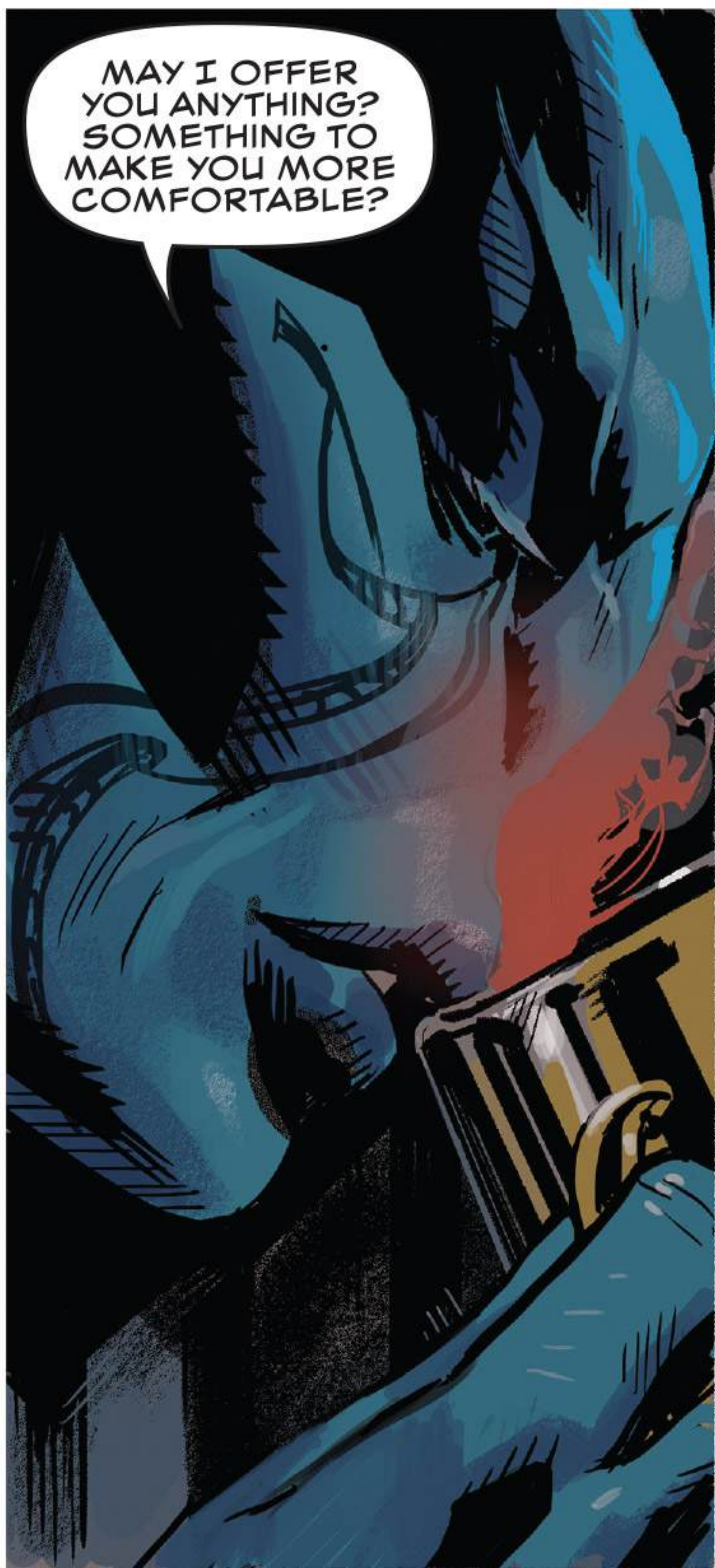
DAOUD
WANT NO HELP
FROM YOU,
MULE!

DAOUD
KILL YOU!









MAY I OFFER
YOU ANYTHING?
SOMETHING TO
MAKE YOU MORE
COMFORTABLE?



NO, OF
COURSE
NOT.

YOU ARE
NAMELESS. WHAT
NEED HAVE YOU OF
COMFORTS? THIS
IS WHAT YOU ARE
THINKING, YES?



I UNDERSTAND.
I WORKED THE MINES
ONCE. BUT I TELL YOU,
COMFORTS ARE NOT
ALL BAD, SOLDIER.

IT'S REALLY
A MATTER OF
SOURCES.



THIS, FOR
INSTANCE, GIVES
ME GREAT
COMFORT.



ONE
SLAVER KILLED,
ONE MAROON
SAVED.

THEY SAY
YOU CARRIED
ONE OF YOUR OWN
UNDER A HAIL
OF FIRE.



IMPRESSIVE.



I AM TOLD THAT YOU KNOW WHO WE ARE, THAT YOU ARE AWARE OF WHAT WE DO.

AND THAT YOU ARE EAGER TO JOIN THE BATTLE AGAINST THE EMPIRE.



KNOW THAT MY MAROONS HAVE COMMITTED THEIR LIVES TO THE EMPIRE'S DESTRUCTION.

BUT ALSO KNOW THAT IT IS NOT ENOUGH FOR A MAN TO DECLARE WHAT HE WOULD DIE FIGHTING AGAINST.



HE MUST TOO KNOW WHAT HE LIVES TO FIGHT FOR.

AND SO I ASK, MY SON, WHAT DO YOU FIGHT FOR?

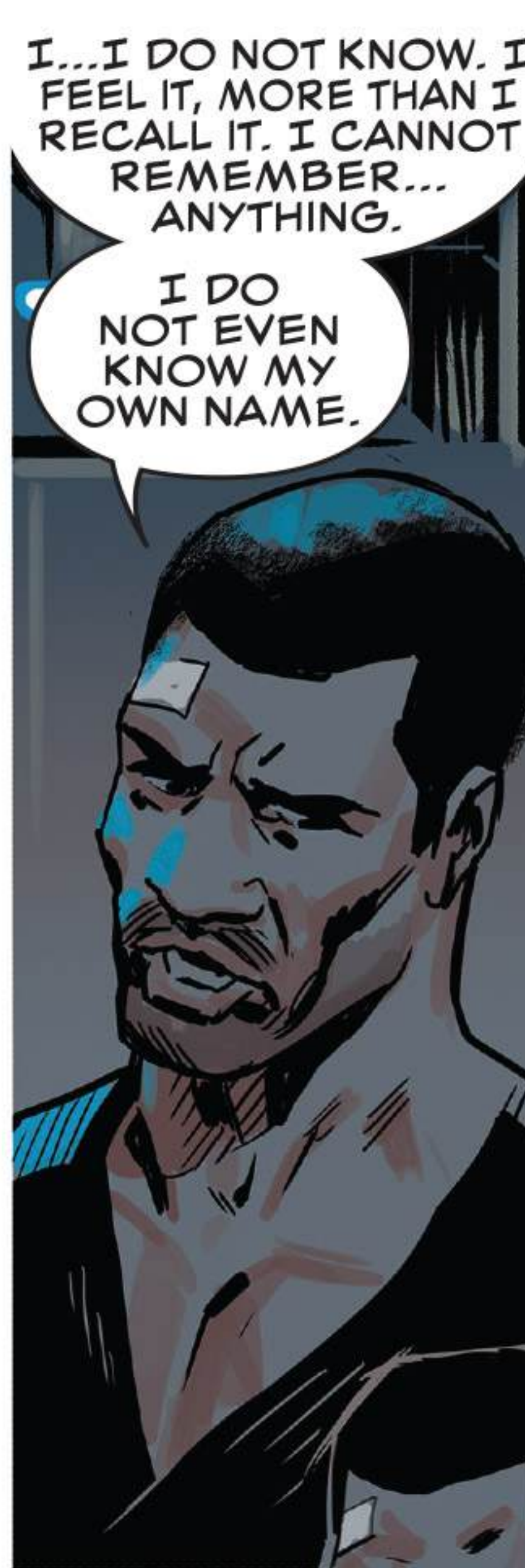


HOME.

I...I FIGHT TO GET BACK HOME.



AND WHERE IS HOME?



I...I DO NOT KNOW. I FEEL IT, MORE THAN I RECALL IT. I CANNOT REMEMBER... ANYTHING.

I DO NOT EVEN KNOW MY OWN NAME.



OF COURSE. THEY TOOK THAT FROM YOU, TOOK IT FROM US ALL, AND LEFT US WITH ONLY SCRAPS OF SOME OTHER LIFE.



SO AT NIGHT YOU ARE LEFT TO WONDER: "WHAT WAS I BEFORE THIS? WHO DID I LOVE? AND WHAT BECAME OF THEM?"

WE ARE THE NAMELESS, MY SON. ORPHANS OF THE COSMOS. FLOTSAM OF THE EMPIRE.

BUT NOW IS THE HOUR OF RESTORATION.



"OUR HANDLES ARE
TAKEN FROM THE
LEGENDS OF OUR PAST.

"SO THAT WE,
MAROONED IN
THE EMPIRE, ARE
NAMELESS
NO MORE.

"AND TO YOU I GIVE
THE NAME OF A MAN
WHO WAS BORN A KING
AND DIED A HERO.

"ARISE,
T'CHALLA."

WELCOME TO THE INTERGALACTIC EMPIRE OF WAKANDA! WE'RE SURE YOU HAVE LOTS OF QUESTIONS — HOW DID T'CHALLA GET HERE? IS THAT REALLY NAKIA AND M'BAKU? HOW HAS NO ONE HEARD OF THIS EMPIRE BEFORE? — BUT HANG TIGHT, IT'S ALL PART OF THE JOURNEY! HERE'S A LITTLE INTRODUCTION BY TA-NEHISI COATES TO SOME OF THE FACTIONS AND RACES WHO APPEAR IN THIS ISSUE, ALONG WITH DANIEL ACUÑA'S GORGEOUS DESIGNS!

THE IMPERIALS:

THE HIGHEST CASTE OF ALL WAKANDANS, THE IMPERIALS CLAIM TO BE THE BLOOD DESCENDANTS OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE INTERGALACTIC EMPIRE OF WAKANDA — THOUGH THAT CLAIM IS HARD TO VALIDATE OR REFUTE.

THE MINERS, A.K.A. THE NAMELESS:

SUBJECTS OF THE EMPIRE CONDEMNED TO SLAVERY IN THE VIBRANIUM MINES, THE NAMELESS HAVE BEEN MIND-WIPED. THEY KNOW NOTHING OF THEIR ORIGINAL HISTORY.

THE ASKARI:

THE ASKARI ARE BOTH THE POLICE FORCE OF THE EMPIRE AND THE ARM OF THE WAKANDAN SLAVE TRADE. AS A CASTE, THEY ARE HATED BY THE NAMELESS AND DENIGRATED BY THE IMPERIALS. THE ASKARI HAIL FROM MANY RACES — INCLUDING MANY THAT WERE THEMSELVES CONQUERED BY THE WAKANDAN EMPIRE.

THE REBELS, A.K.A. THE MAROONS:

THOUGH THE EMPIRE'S POWERS ARE VAST, THERE ARE THOSE WHO FIGHT BACK. THEY ARE THE MAROONS, COMPRISED OF FREED NAMELESS AND LED BY CAPTAIN N'YAMI OF THE STARSHIP MAKANDAL.

SLAVES



SLAVER



CAPTAIN



PRIVATE

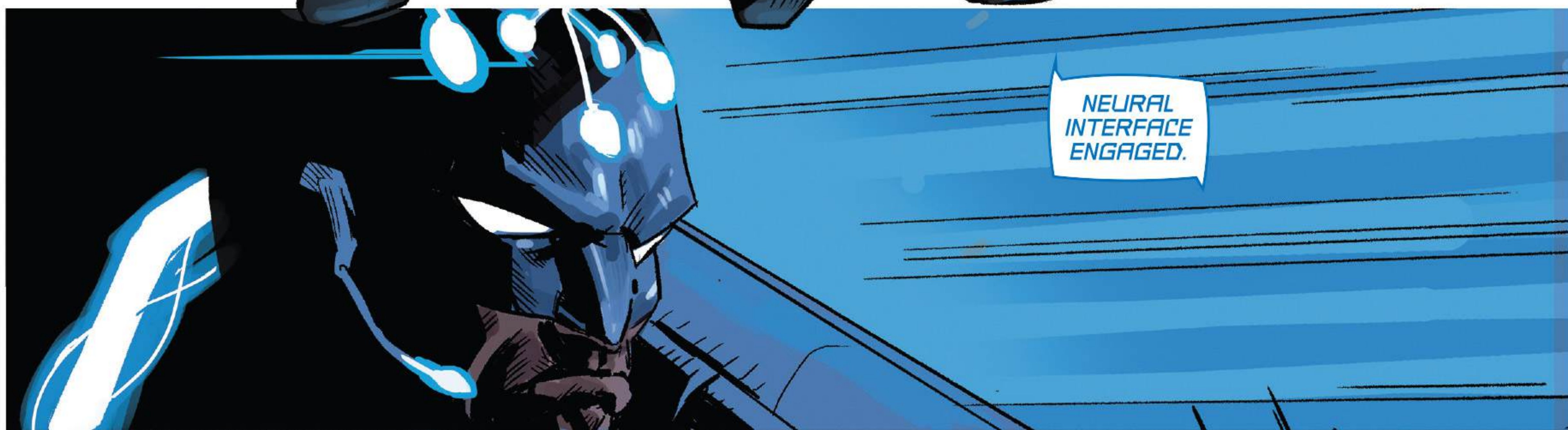


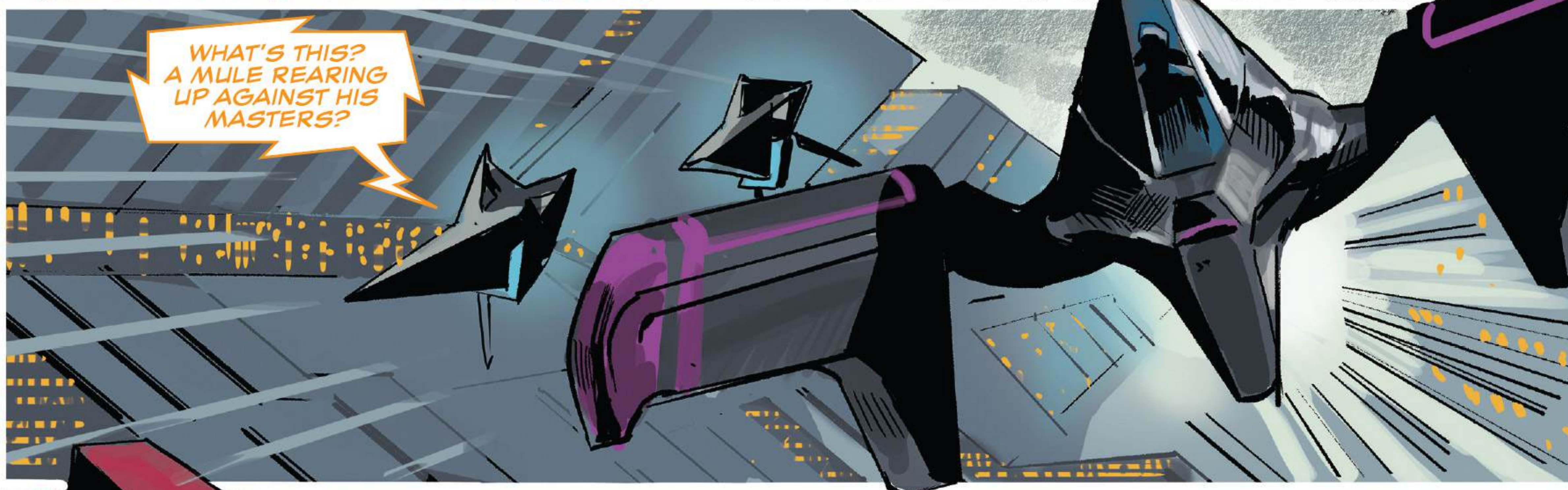
MAROONS MISSION COSTUME





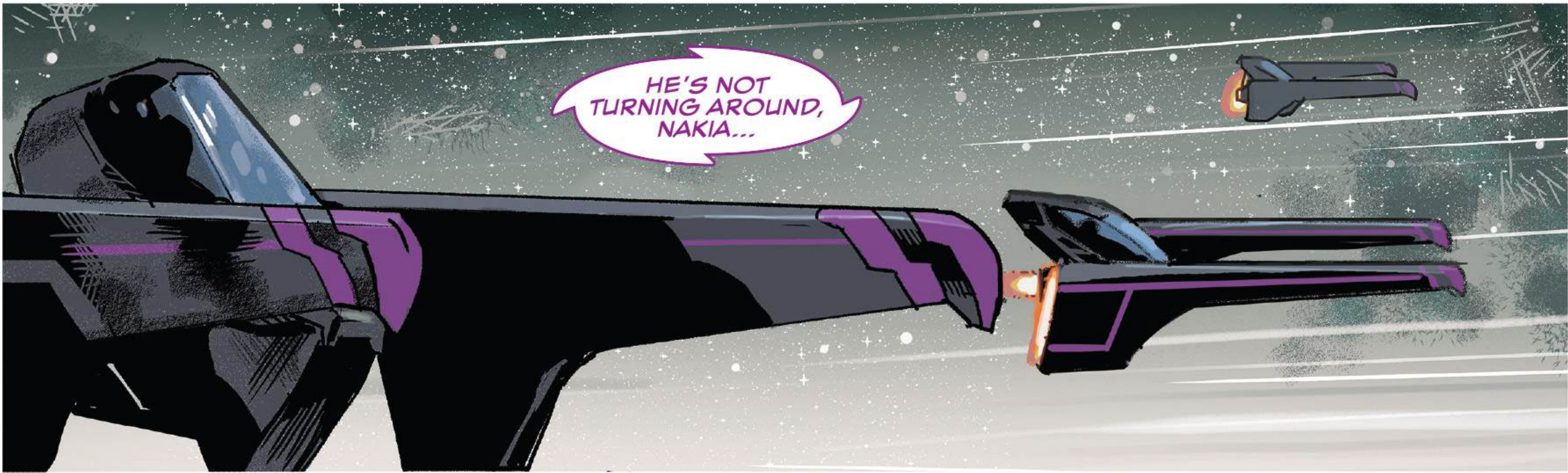


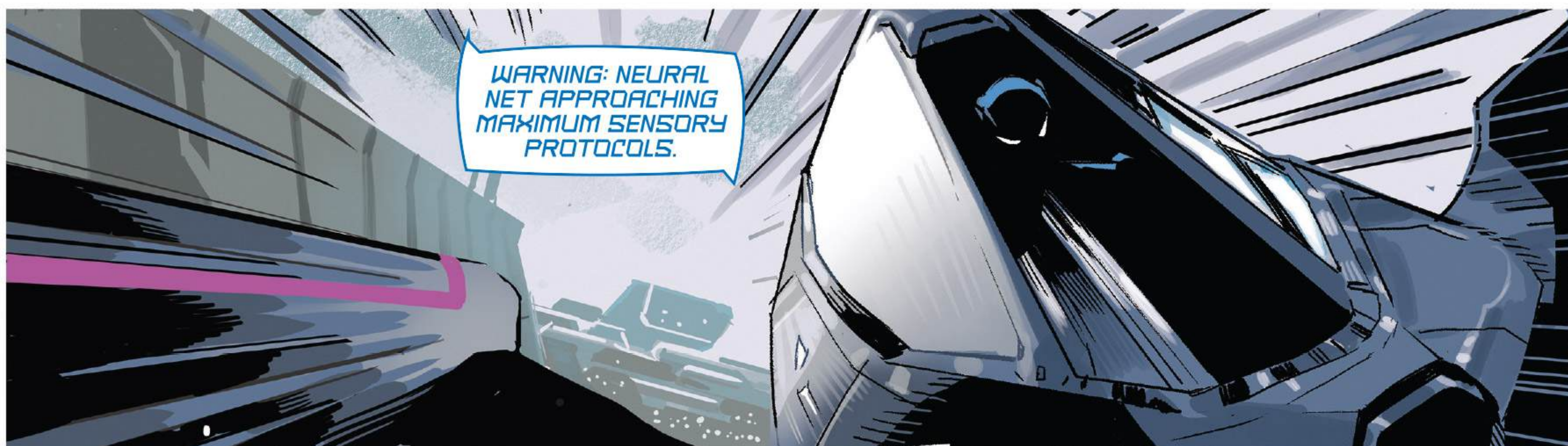




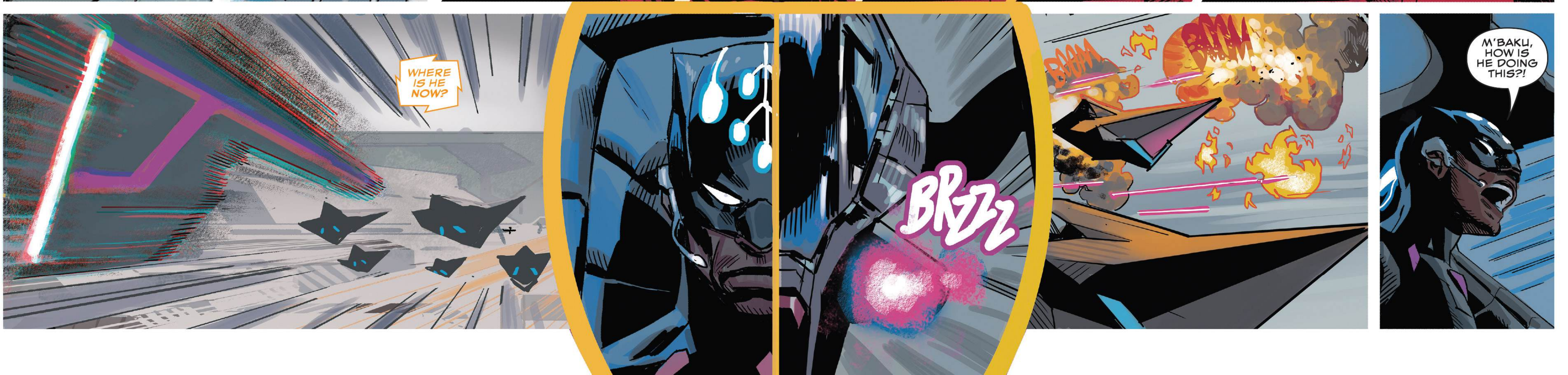
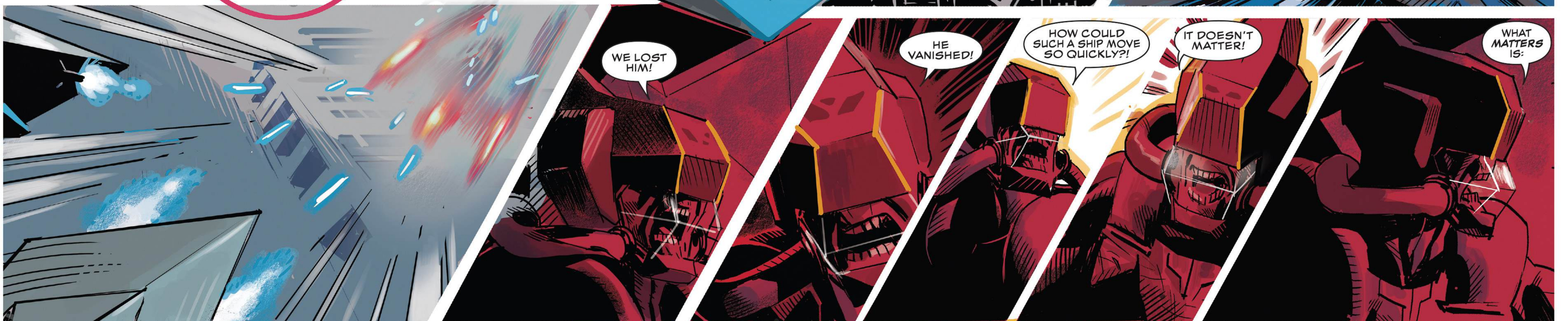
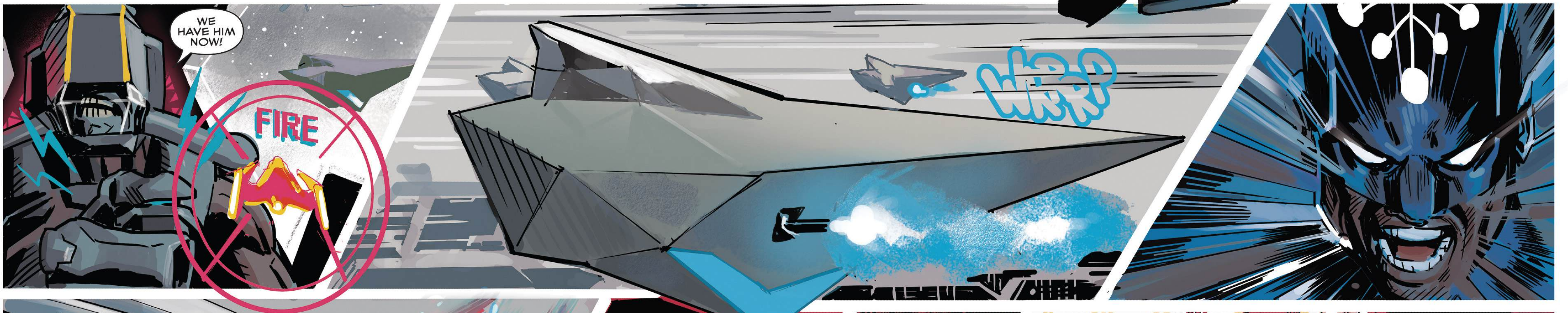


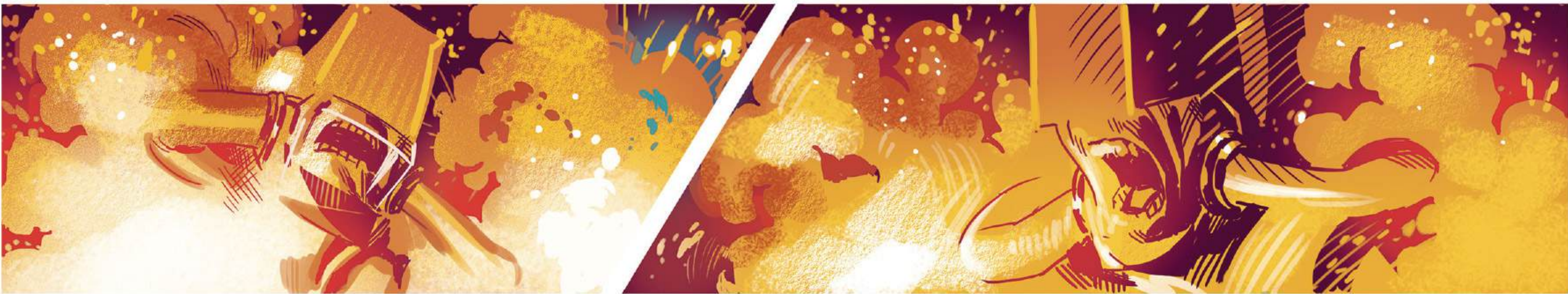
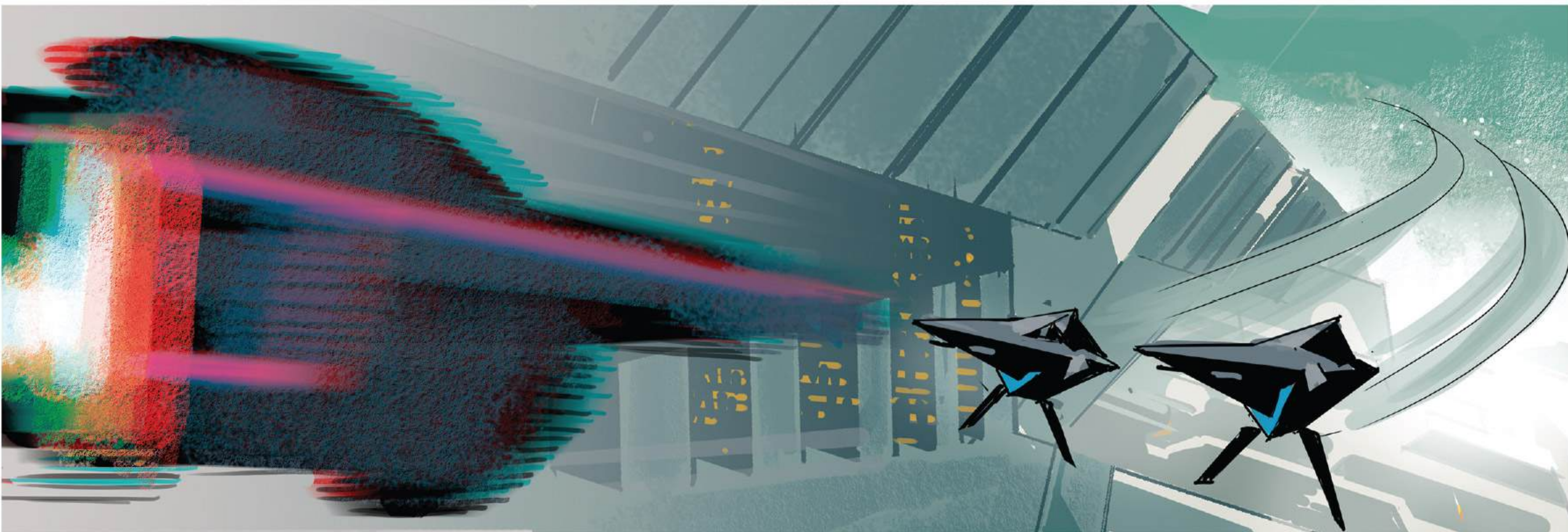




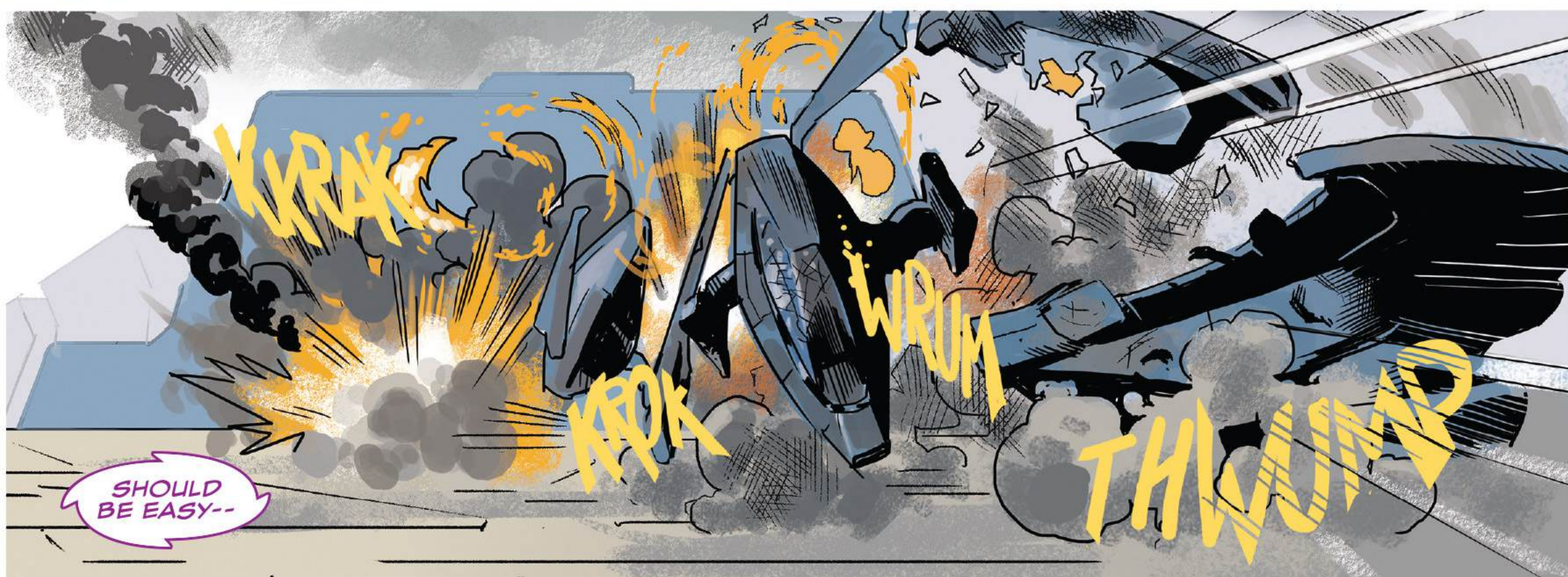
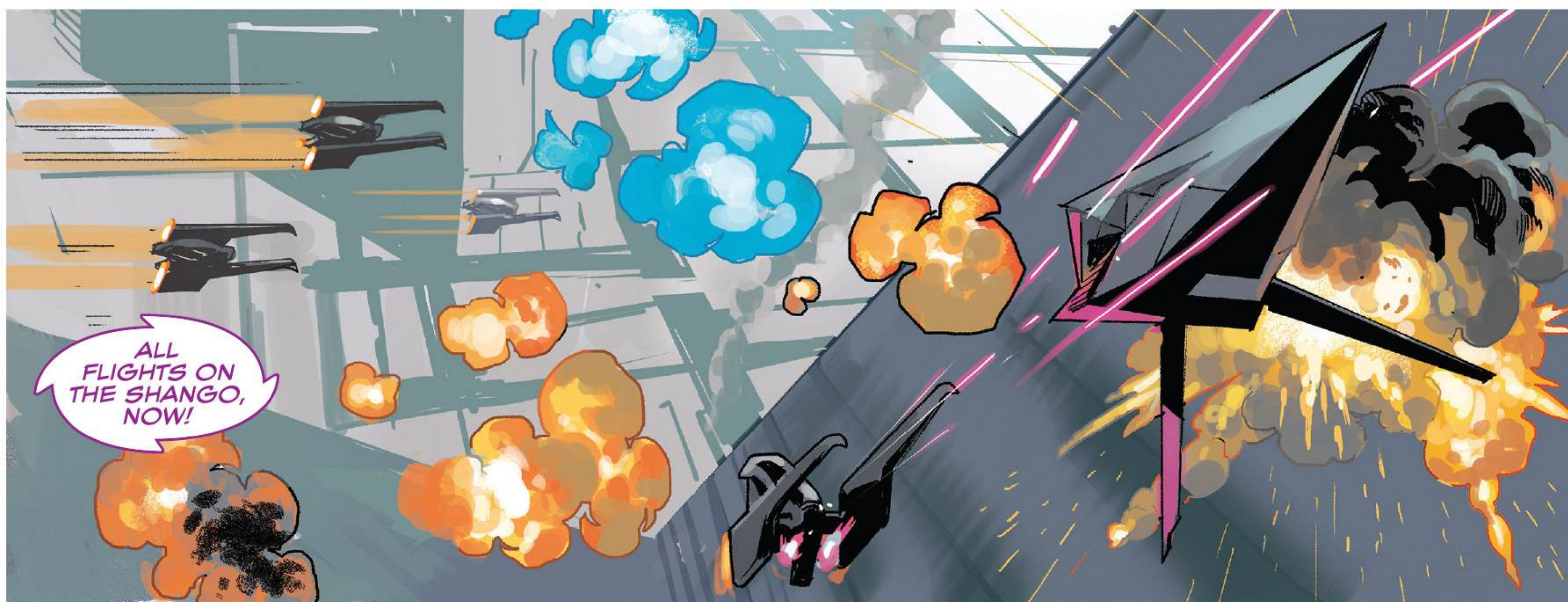


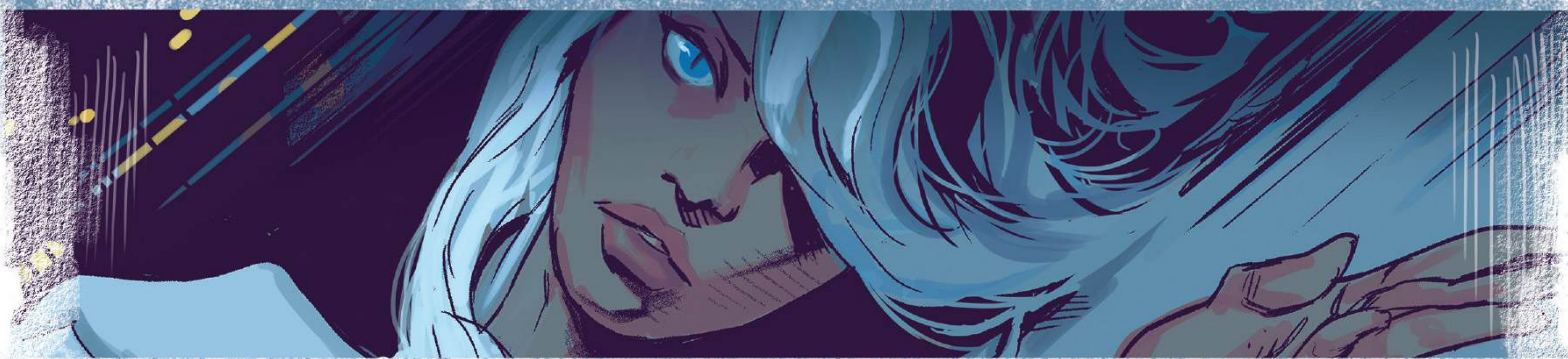


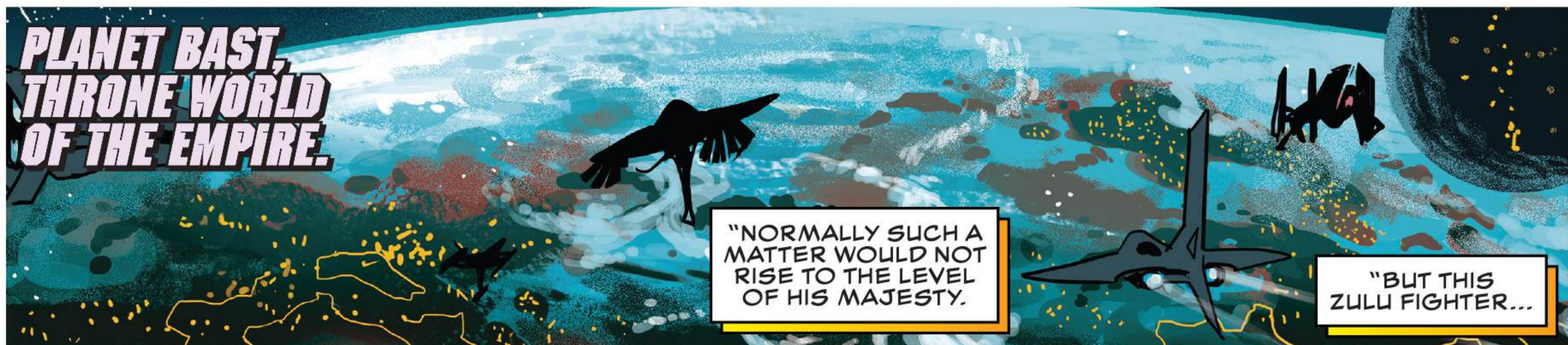














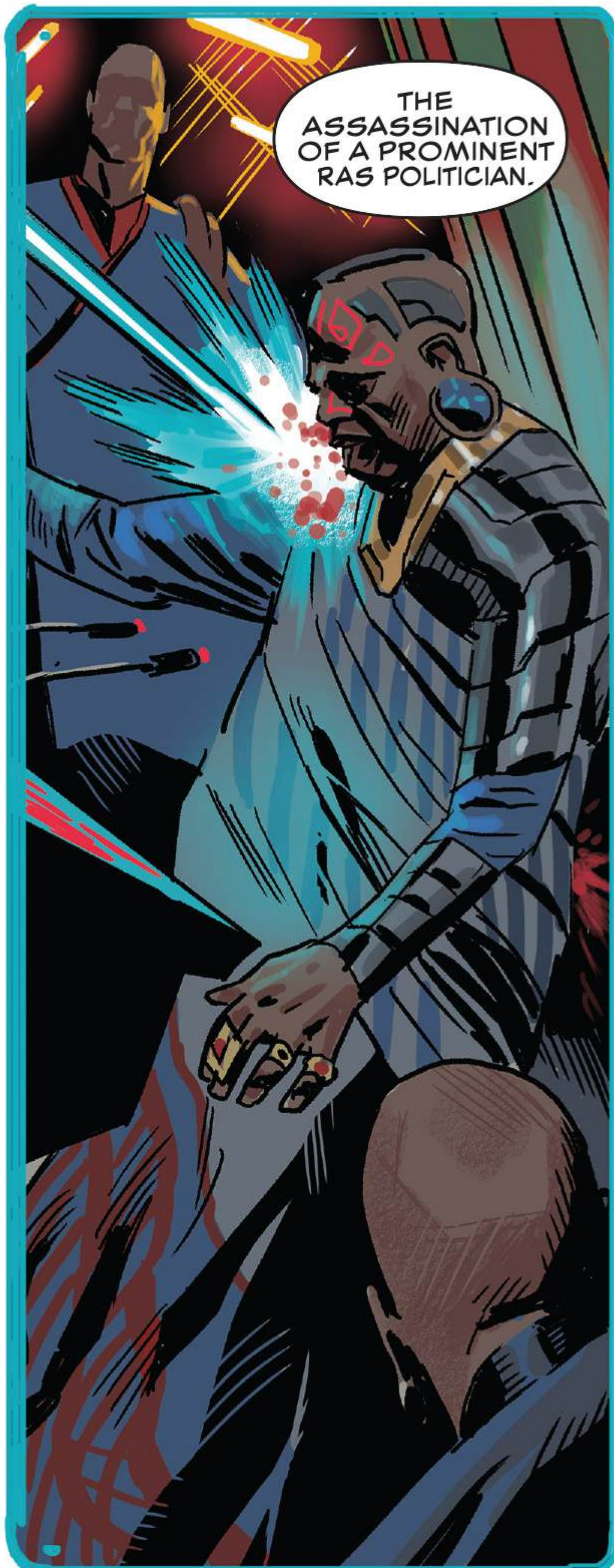
THERE WAS THE RECENT DESTRUCTION OF THE VIBRANIUM DEPOT.



A RAID ON A HOUSE OF AMUSEMENT IN THE S'YAAN EXPANSE.



THE TAKING OF A MUSA-CLASS FREIGHTER. AND...



THE ASSASSINATION OF A PROMINENT RAS POLITICIAN.



ALL IN ZANJ SPACE.

ALL ACCOMPANIED BY REPORTS OF A REBEL POSSESSED OF "UNUSUAL ABILITY."



WE HAVE TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY, LORD N'JADAKA, THAT OUR EFFORTS FAILED.

THAT THE HERETIC WHO CLAIMED THE MANTLE OF T'CHALLA THE WISE HAS RETURNED.



COUNSELOR
DEMBA, YOU
MAY RISE.



COUNSELOR,
YOU WERE
TASKED WITH
DISPATCHING
THE HERETIC.

YOU WERE TO
DO THIS QUIETLY,
OBSCURING THE
MARKS OF THE
IMPERIUM.



YOU HAVE
NOT DISPATCHED
THE HERETIC.

AND WHAT
SHOULD HAVE
BEEN OBTAINED
MAY NOW WELL
BE MADE
PLAIN.



HOW,
COUNSELOR...



...HOW HAVE
YOU FAILED THE
EMPIRE SO
PROFOUNDLY?

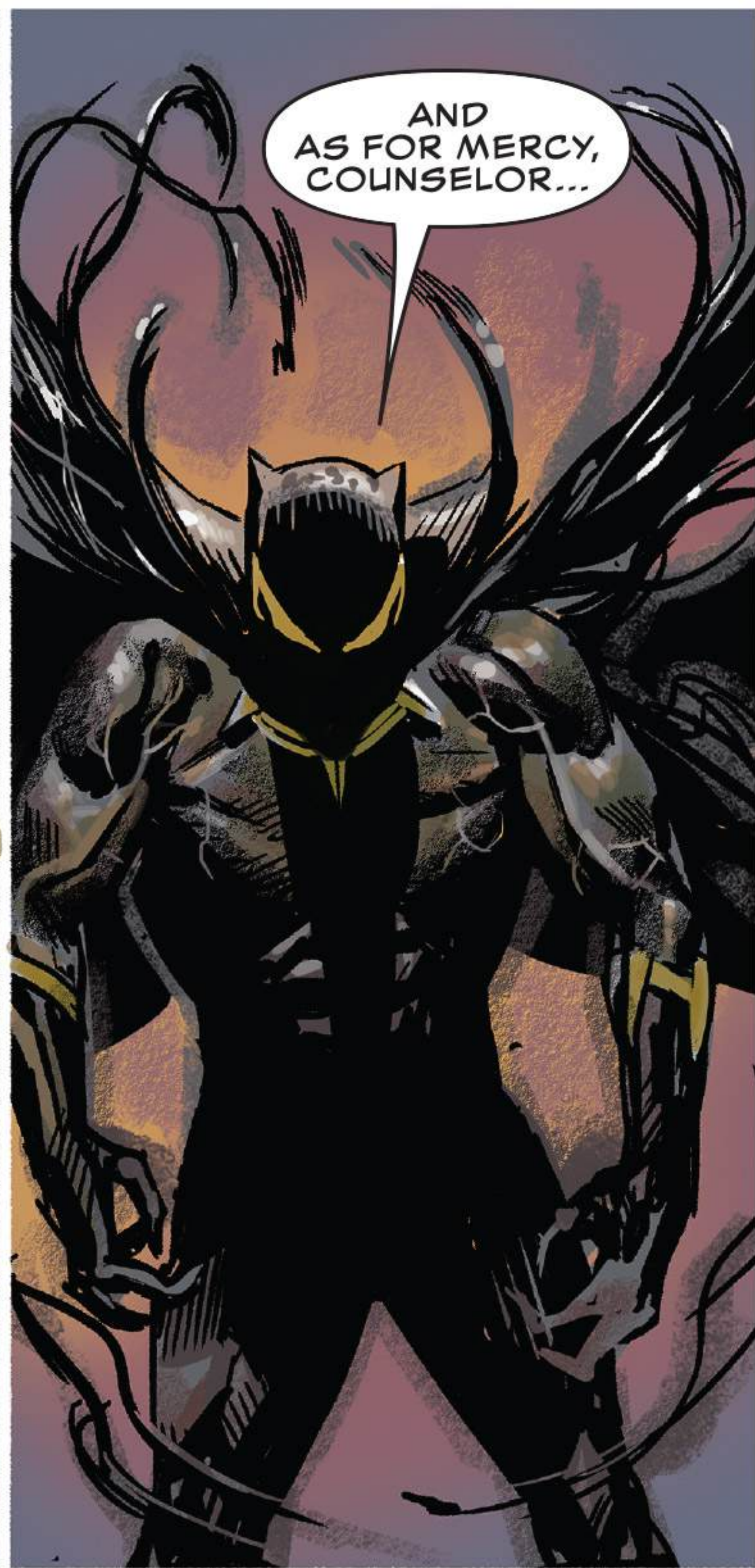
MERCY,
EMPEROR. ALLOW
ME TO FERRET OUT
THOSE WHO FAILED
YOU--FAILED
US.



THERE
WILL BE NO
FERRETING...



...ONLY
PURGING.



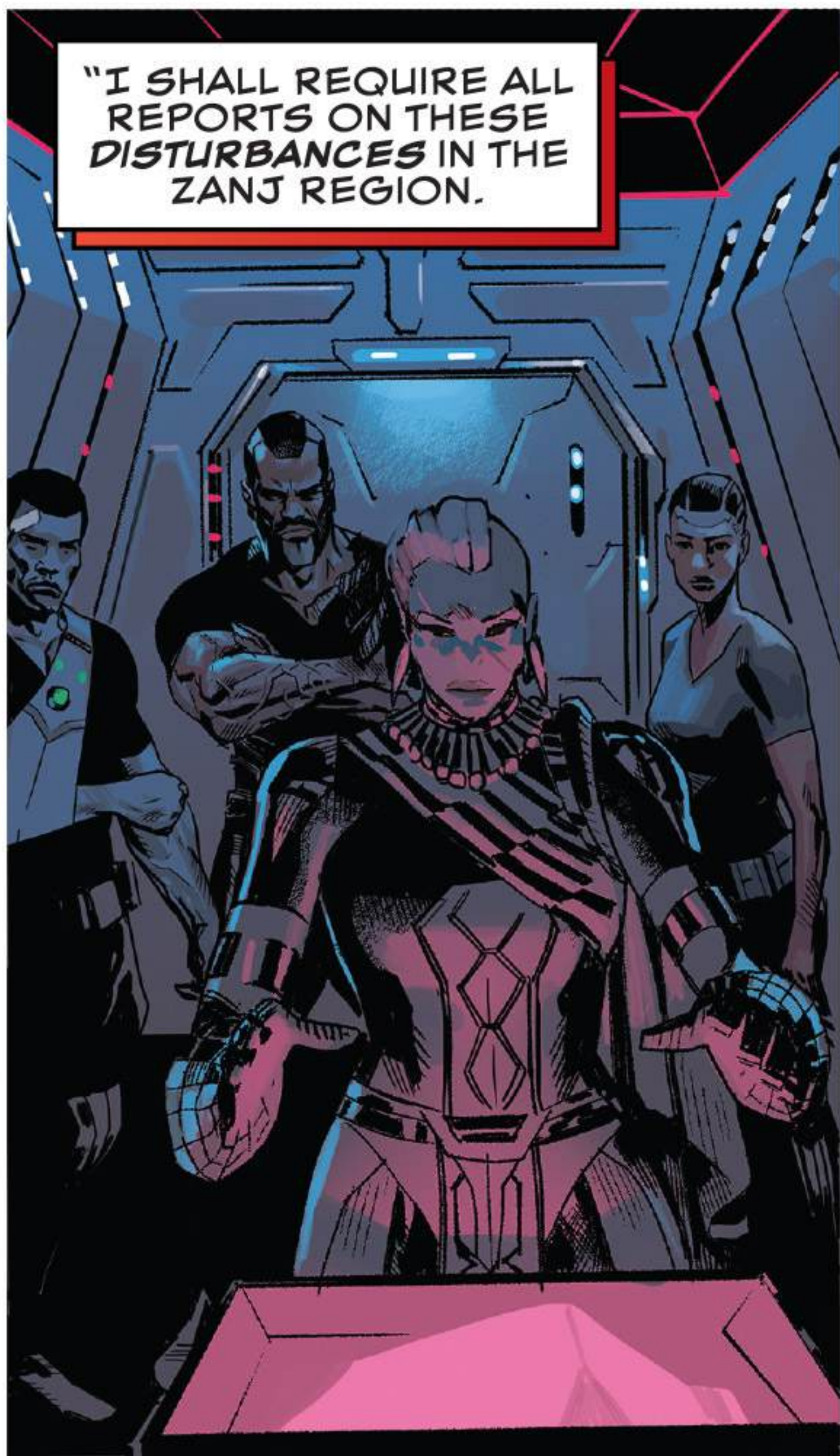
AND
AS FOR MERCY,
COUNSELOR...



YEAARRGGGGHHH!!!



...EVERY
BREATH YOU
TAKE IS MERCY
FROM ME.



"...THE M'KRAAN
SHARD."



WELCOME BACK TO THE EMPIRE! IN THIS ISSUE, YOU FINALLY MEET THE BIG BAD — EMPEROR N’JADAKA HIMSELF! YOU’LL LEARN MORE ABOUT HIM AS WE GO ALONG, BUT IN THE MEANTIME, HERE’S A LITTLE INTRODUCTION BY TA-NEHISI COATES TO THE MAJOR PLAYERS IN THE MAROONS — THE REBEL FACTION FIGHTING FOR THEIR LIVES AND THEIR HISTORIES — ALONG WITH SOME OF DANIEL ACUÑA’S STELLAR DESIGNS!

T’CHALLA:

A WARRIOR IN SEARCH OF HIMSELF, T’CHALLA, LIKE HIS NAMELESS BRETHREN, WAS MIND-WIPED AND ENSLAVED. NO ONE KNOWS HOW LONG THIS MAN WITHOUT A PAST TOILED AWAY IN THE EMPIRE’S VIBRANIUM MINES. WHAT IS KNOWN IS HE LATELY TOOK UP ARMS AGAINST THE EMPIRE AND ALLIED HIMSELF WITH THE REBELLIOUS MAROONS. HAUNTED BY VISIONS OF A VERY DIFFERENT LIFE, T’CHALLA IS DRIVEN TO REGAIN HIS MEMORY AND DESTROY THE EMPIRE THAT STRIPPED HIM OF IT.

NAKIA:

TACTICAL LEADER OF THE MAROONS, IT WAS NAKIA WHO LED THE RAID THAT FREED T’CHALLA. SHE IS AN IMPERIAL — THAT SECT OF WAKANDANS WHO CLAIM TO ORIGINATE SOMEWHERE ACROSS THE STARS ON A MYSTERIOUS WORLD KNOWN ONLY AS WAKANDA PRIME. NAKIA, UNLIKE MOST OF HER FELLOW MAROONS, REMEMBERS HER FORMER LIFE — ONE OF ARISTOCRATIC PRIVILEGE — BUT IS DRIVEN BY HER HATRED OF IT.

N’YAMI:

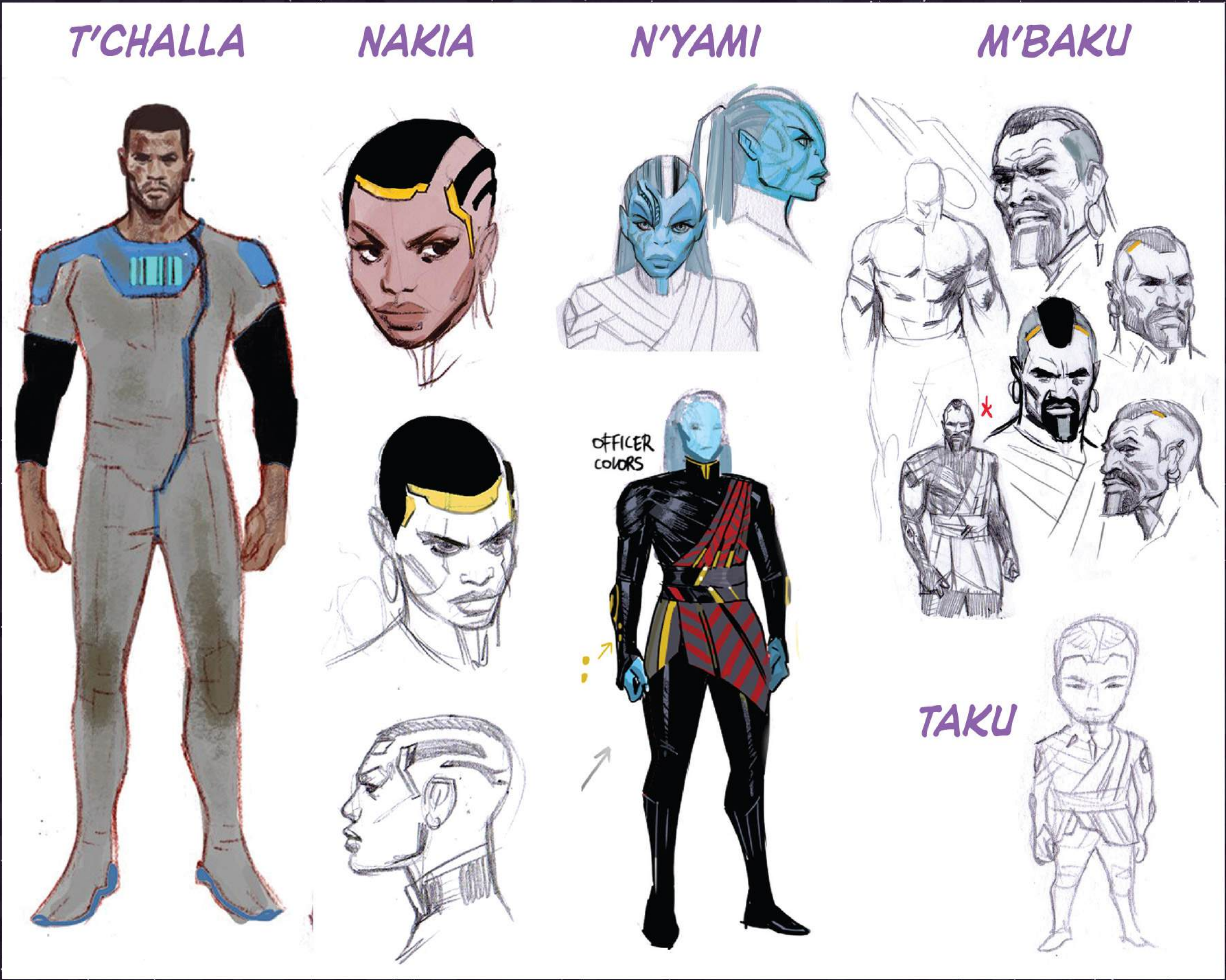
CHIEF OF THE MAROONS. N’YAMI LABORED FOR MOST OF HER YOUNG LIFE IN THE VIBRANIUM MINES. N’YAMI IS TAKY-MAZA, AN AMPHIBIOUS SPECIES HAILING FROM THE GALAXY OF NEHANDA’S LATTICE. LIKE T’CHALLA, SHE ESCAPED THE MINES. HER FEROCITY IN COMBAT DISTINGUISHED HER AND EVENTUALLY SHE ROSE TO LEAD THE ENTIRE REBELLION. N’YAMI IS CONSIDERABLY OLDER THAN THE SOLDIERS SHE COMMANDS. BUT SHE IS A DEADLY COMBATANT WHO IS UNDERESTIMATED AT HER OPPONENT’S PERIL.

M’BAKU:

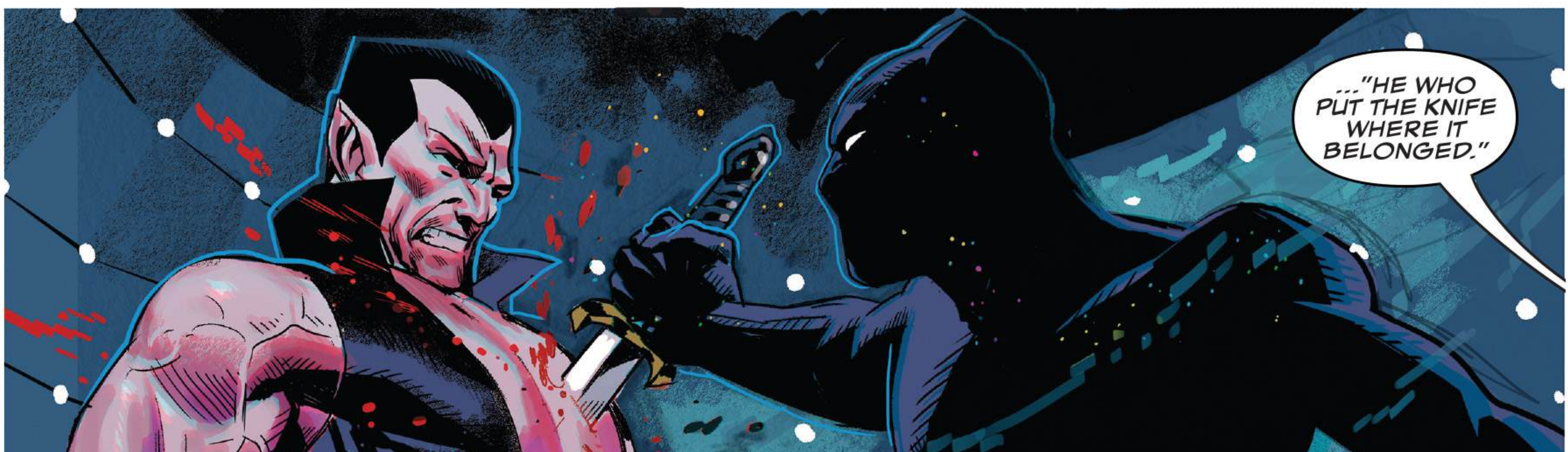
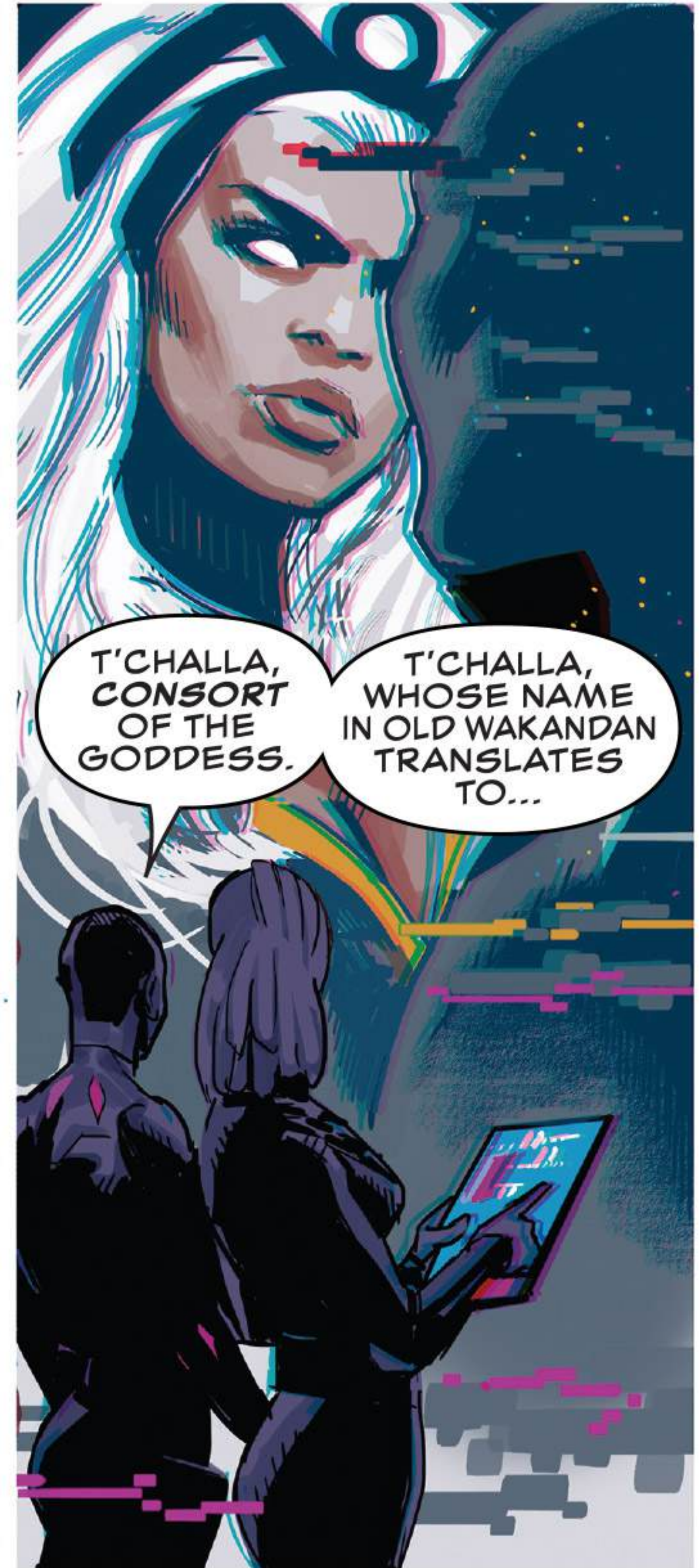
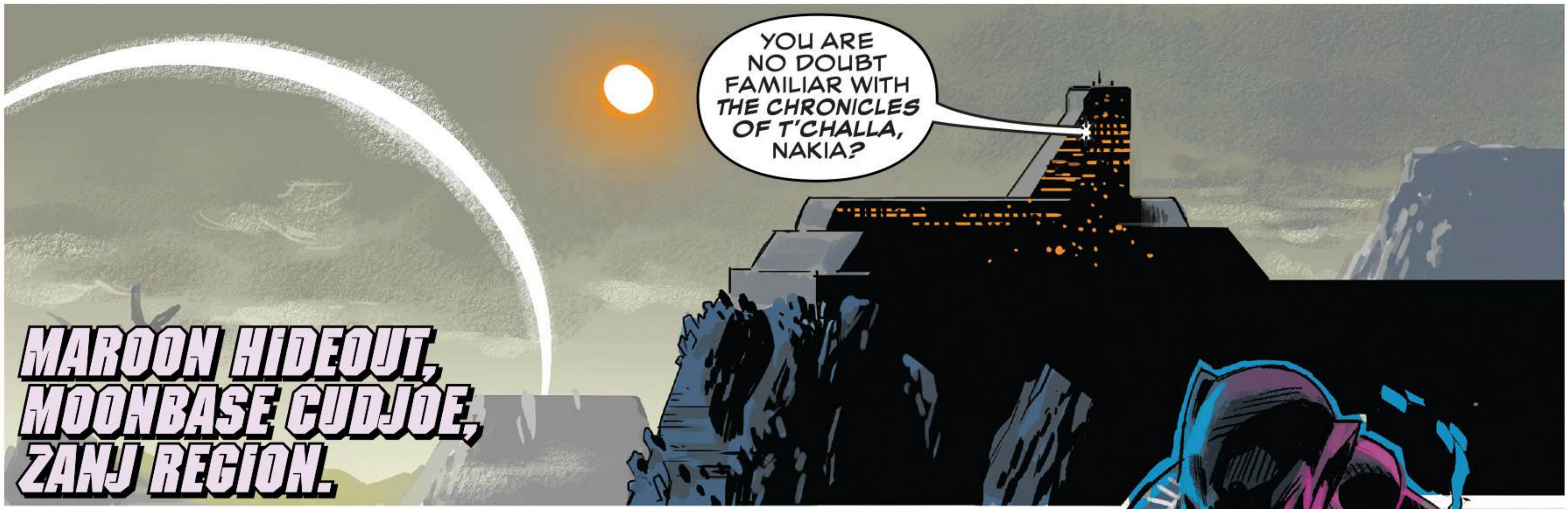
ONE OF THE MAROONS’ GREATEST WARRIORS. M’BAKU IS A LARGE MAN, FEARLESS IN BATTLE, WHO WOULD GLADLY SACRIFICE HIS LIFE IN SERVICE OF THE ZANJ REBELLION. UNLIKE HIS FELLOW MAROONS, M’BAKU IS IN NO GREAT HURRY TO RECOVER HIS MEMORY. HE DIMLY PERCEIVES SOME DARKNESS IN HIS PAST, AND PREFERS HIS LIFE AMONG THE MAROONS.

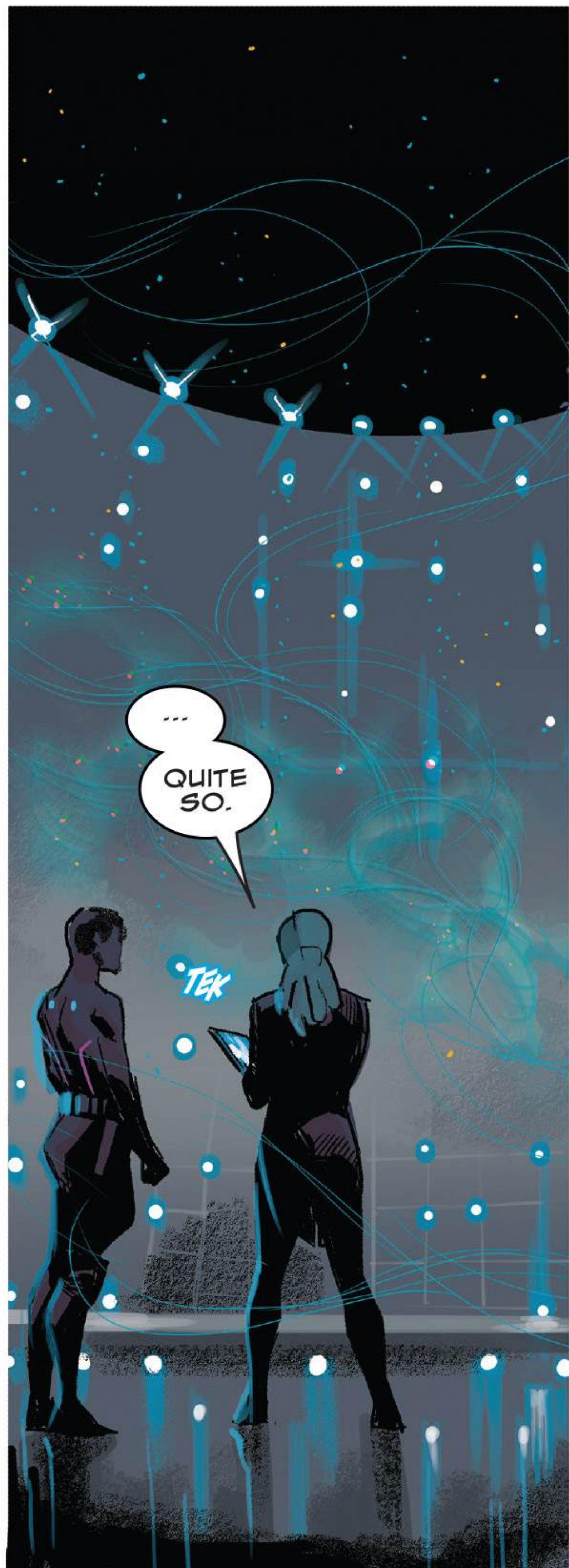
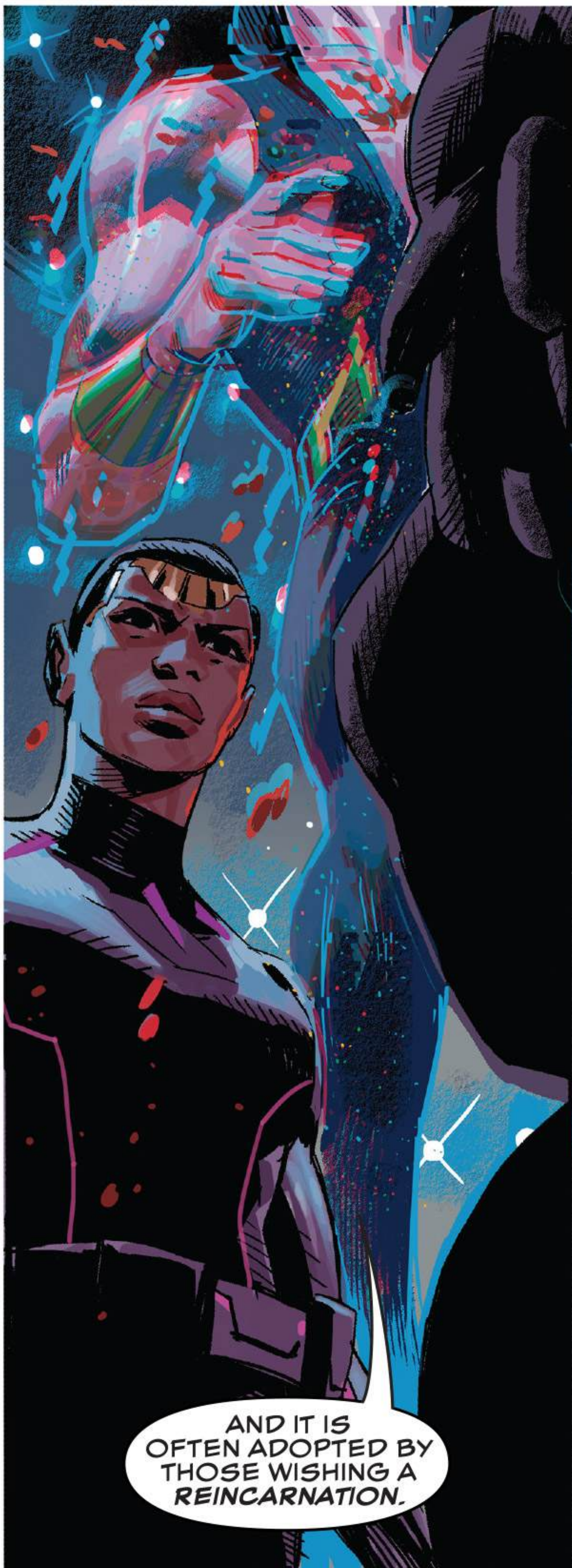
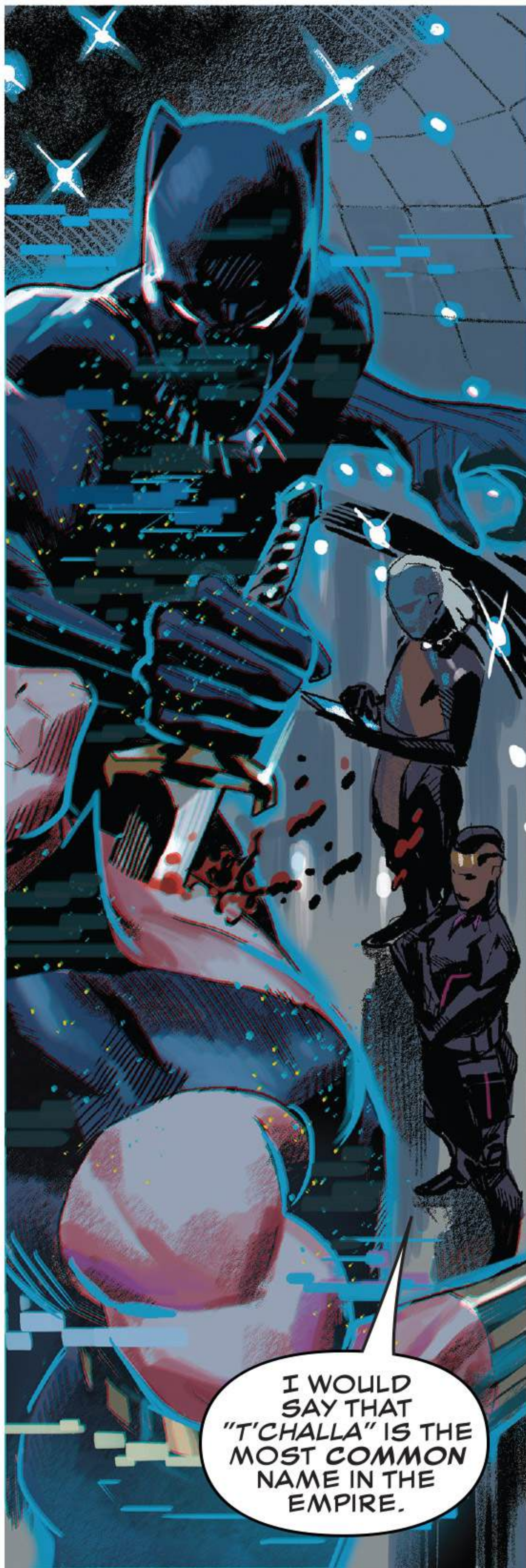
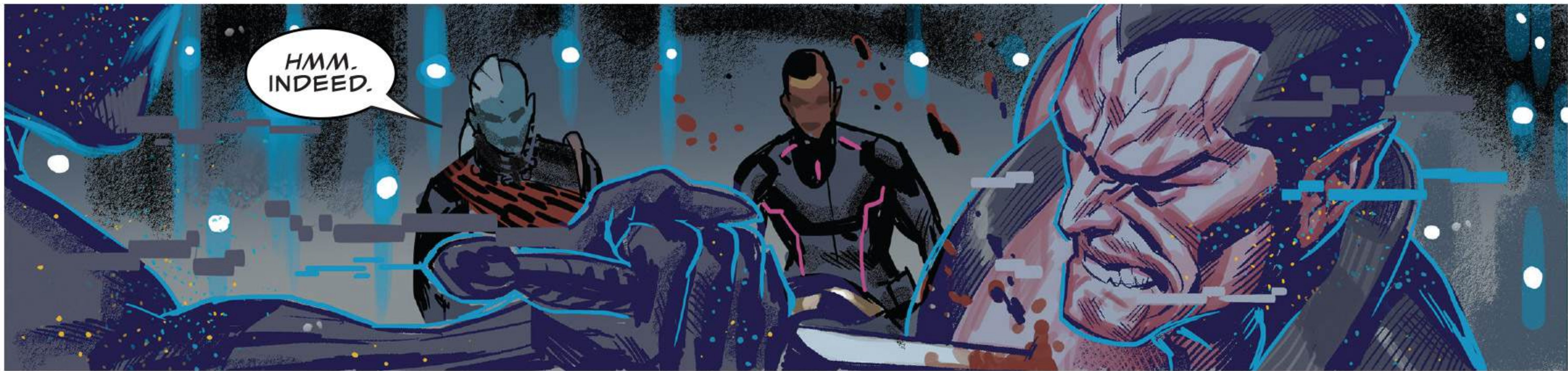
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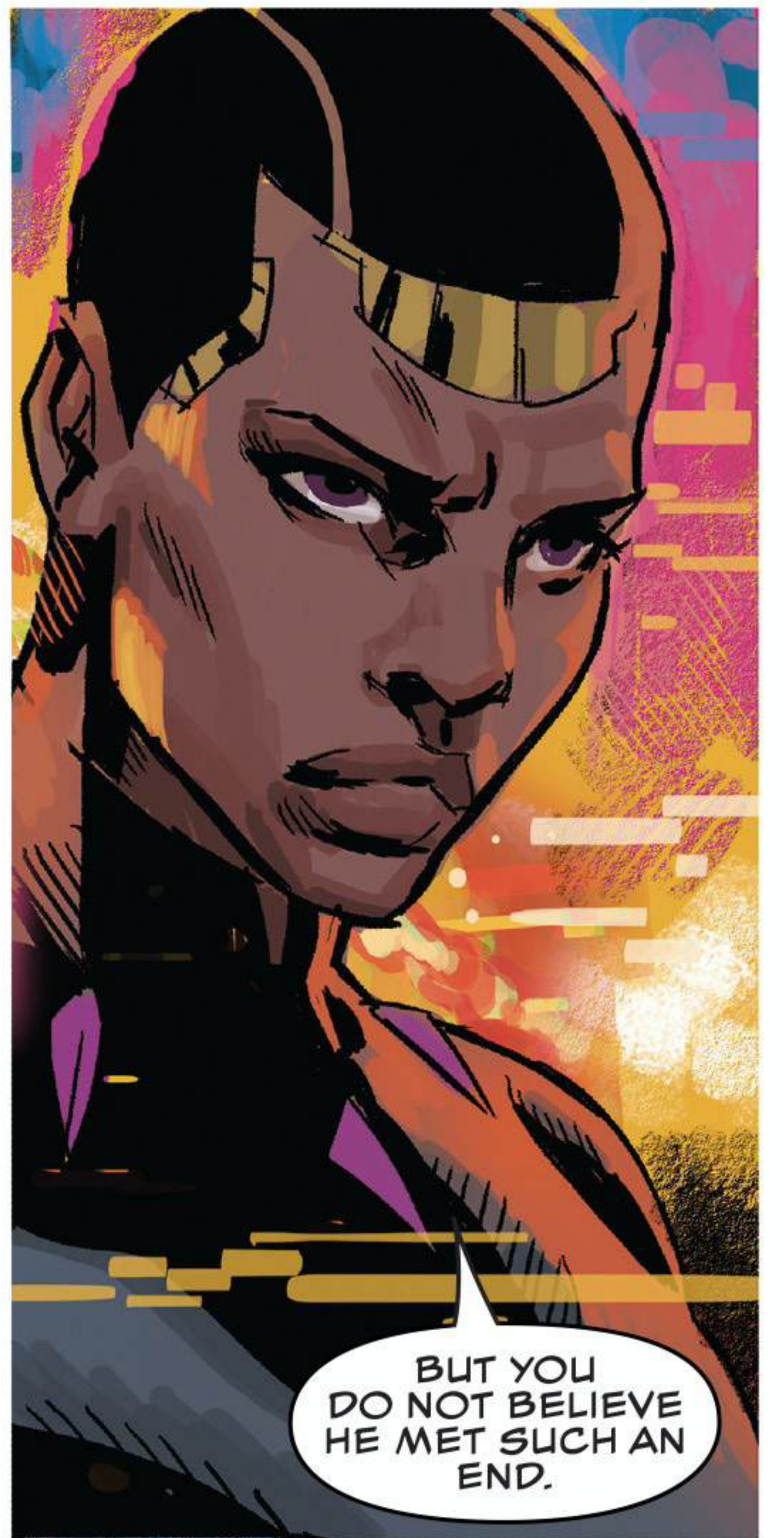
N’YAMI’S CHIEF INTELLIGENCE OFFICER. TAKU IS A RIGELLIAN WHOSE PEOPLE WERE LARGELY NOT ENSLAVED, BUT DRIVEN TO NEAR EXTINCTION BY THE EMPIRE. TAKU LIVED FOR YEARS AMONG A BAND OF RIGELLIAN TRADERS WHO ROAMED THE FIVE GALAXIES HAWKING THEIR WARES. HER KNOWLEDGE, GAINED THROUGH DECADES OF VOYAGING ACROSS THE EMPIRE, HAS PROVEN INDISPENSABLE TO THE MAROONS.















HURRY,
NAKIA...



AT
THIS PACE,
WE'LL MISS THE
CHAGA FLIGHT'S
LANDING.

IT'S JUST
ANOTHER
SHIPMENT,
T'CHALLA...



...IS THAT
REALLY WHY
YOU THINK I
INVITED YOU
OUT HERE?

NO. I
THOUGHT IT
WAS FOR MY
LIVELY BANTER
AND RENOWNED
SENSE OF
HUMOR.

...



IT WAS A
JOKE,
NAKIA.

AH. OF
COURSE--THAT
"RENOWNED
SENSE OF
HUMOR."



SO...WHY, THEN?

I HAVE INFORMATION... ABOUT YOUR MEMORIES.



I'M LISTENING.

WHEN THE ASKARI STEAL MEMORIES, THEY STORE THEM IN THE IMPERIAL ARCHIVE.



EVERY BIT OF THAT ARCHIVE IS THEN MINED AND RESEARCHED.



FOR WHAT?



FOR ANYTHING UNKNOWN TO THEM-- ANYTHING.

THOUGHTS, IDEAS, EMOTIONS, STORIES, METHODS, HALF-FORMED NOTIONS.

ALL OF IT IS APPROPRIATED FOR THEIR INTERESTS.

DO YOU THINK THEY REALLY INVENTED THE STELLAR ENGINE, T'CHALLA?



DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I AM SAYING? YOUR MEMORIES ARE KNOWLEDGE.

AND THE EMPIRE DOESN'T DESTROY KNOWLEDGE...



...THEY
PLUNDER
IT.



SO MY
MEMORIES,
WHOEVER I
WAS BEFORE
THIS--

--ARE IN
THE HANDS OF
THE IMPERIALS,
TO USE AS
THEY WISH?



YES.

IT IS
SICKENING. THE
EMPIRE SPEAKS
OF THE GRANDEUR
OF ITS
CIVILIZATION.

AND
IT IS
GRAND.



BUT IT
IS ALSO
STOLEN.



AND
THIS IS WHERE
YOU TELL ME
ABOUT THE PLAN
TO GET THOSE
MEMORIES
BACK.



THERE IS A PLAN. WE'VE STUDIED THE M'KRAAN SHARD, THE ARTIFACT WE RECOVERED FROM THE SHARGO ARRAY BASE.

AND NOW WE BELIEVE WE CAN...

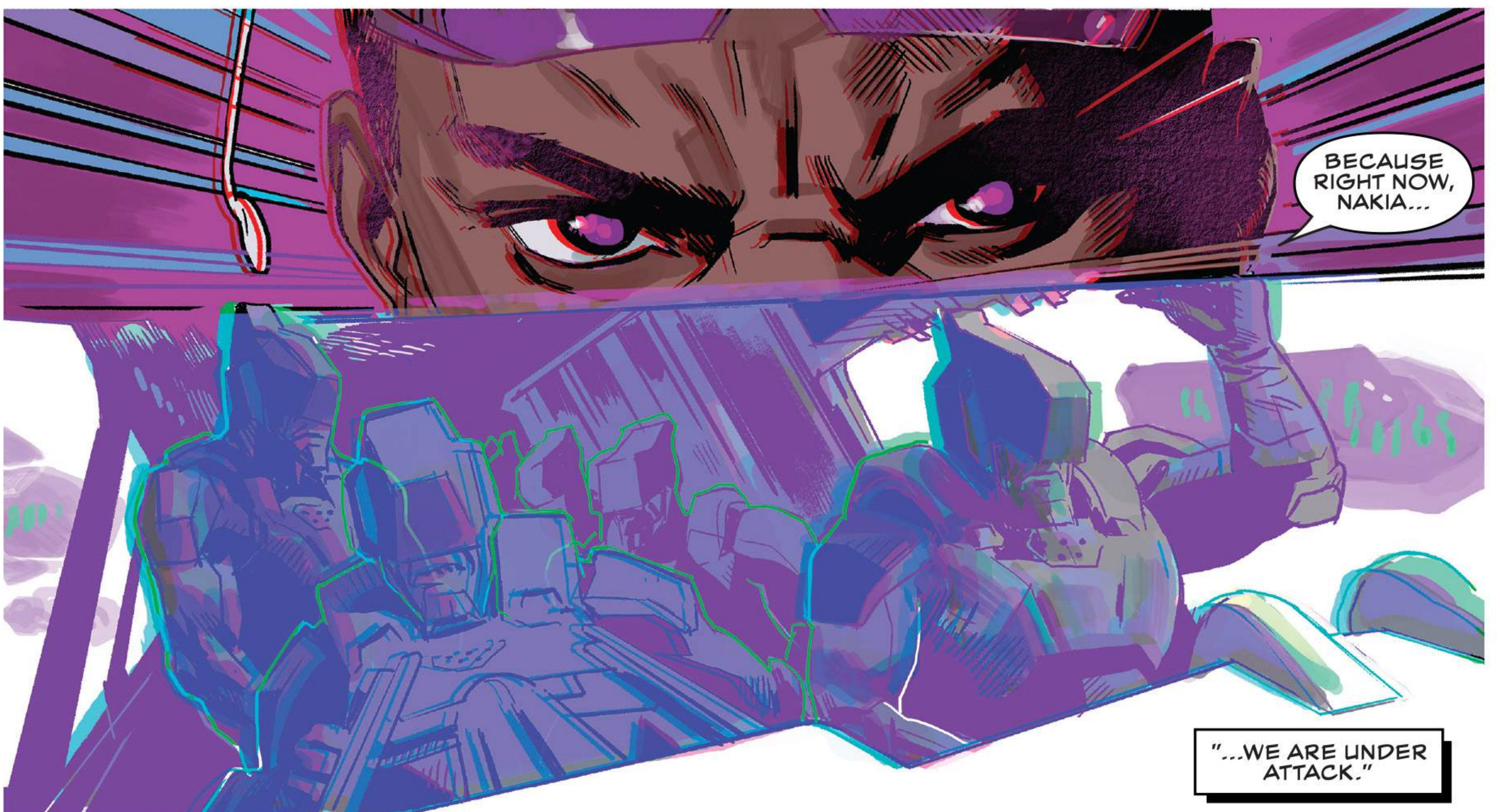


T'CHALLA, WHAT'S WRONG?



I WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO HEAR THIS PLAN. BUT PERHAPS NOW IS NOT THE TIME.

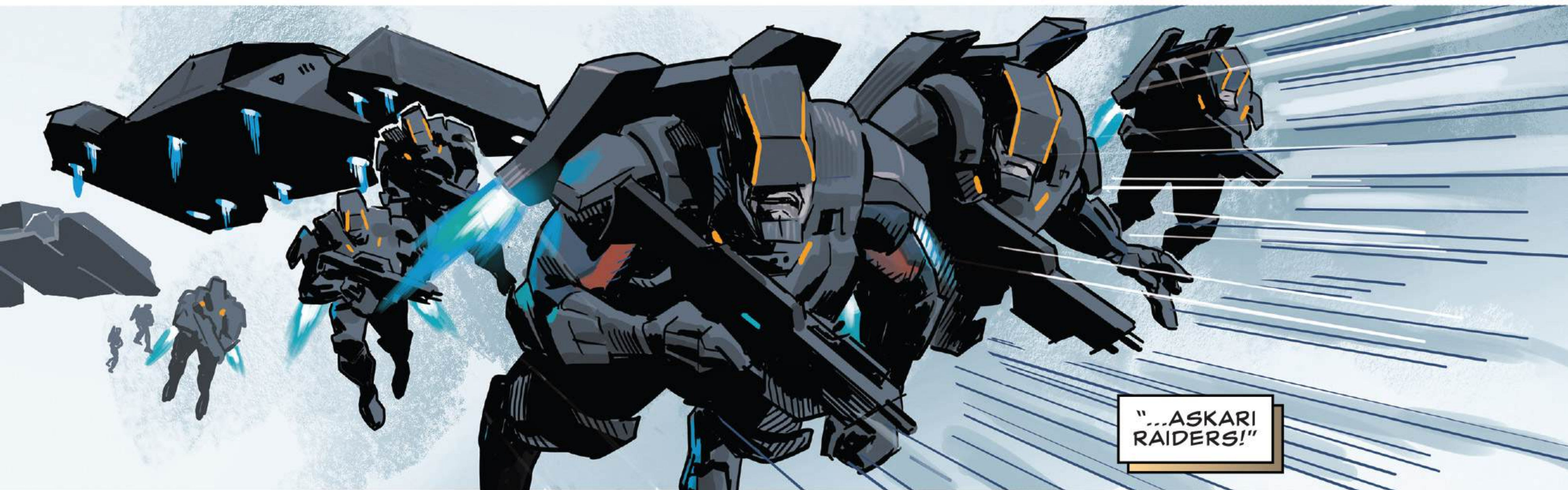
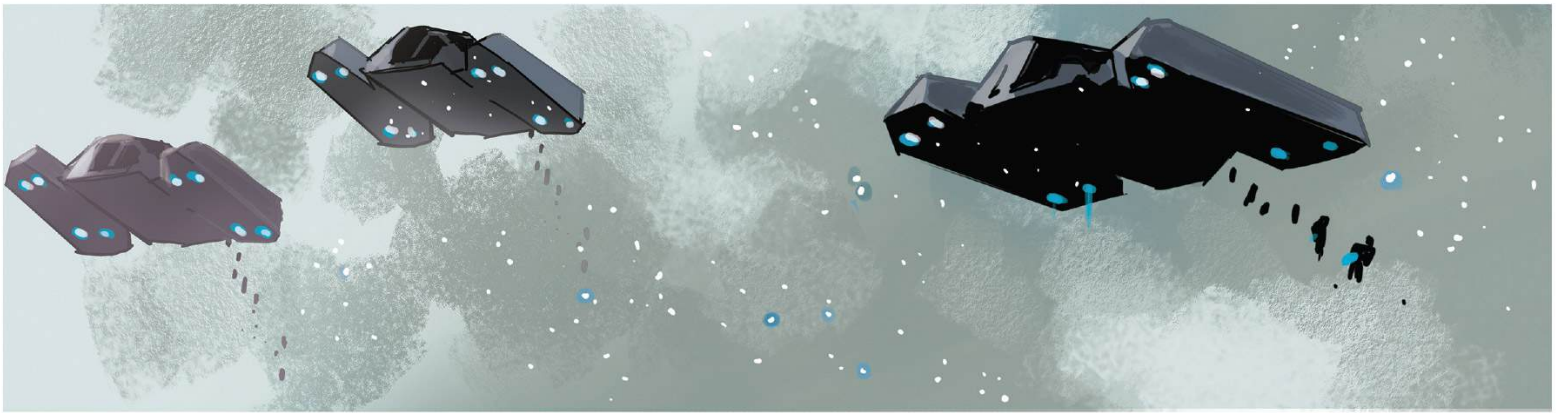
WHY?



BECAUSE RIGHT NOW, NAKIA...

"...WE ARE UNDER ATTACK."





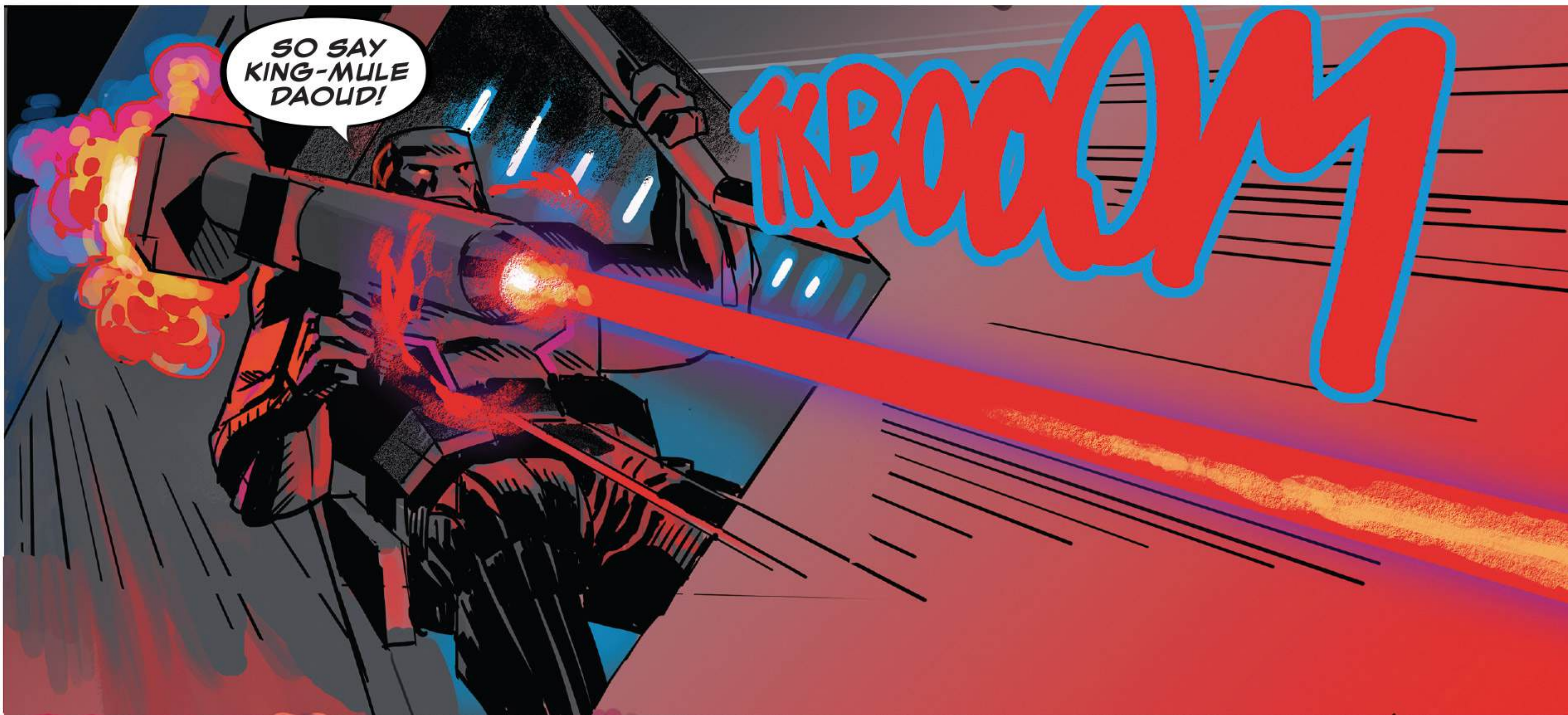




"...BUT I DON'T
THINK WE'VE
SEEN THE HALF
OF IT YET."



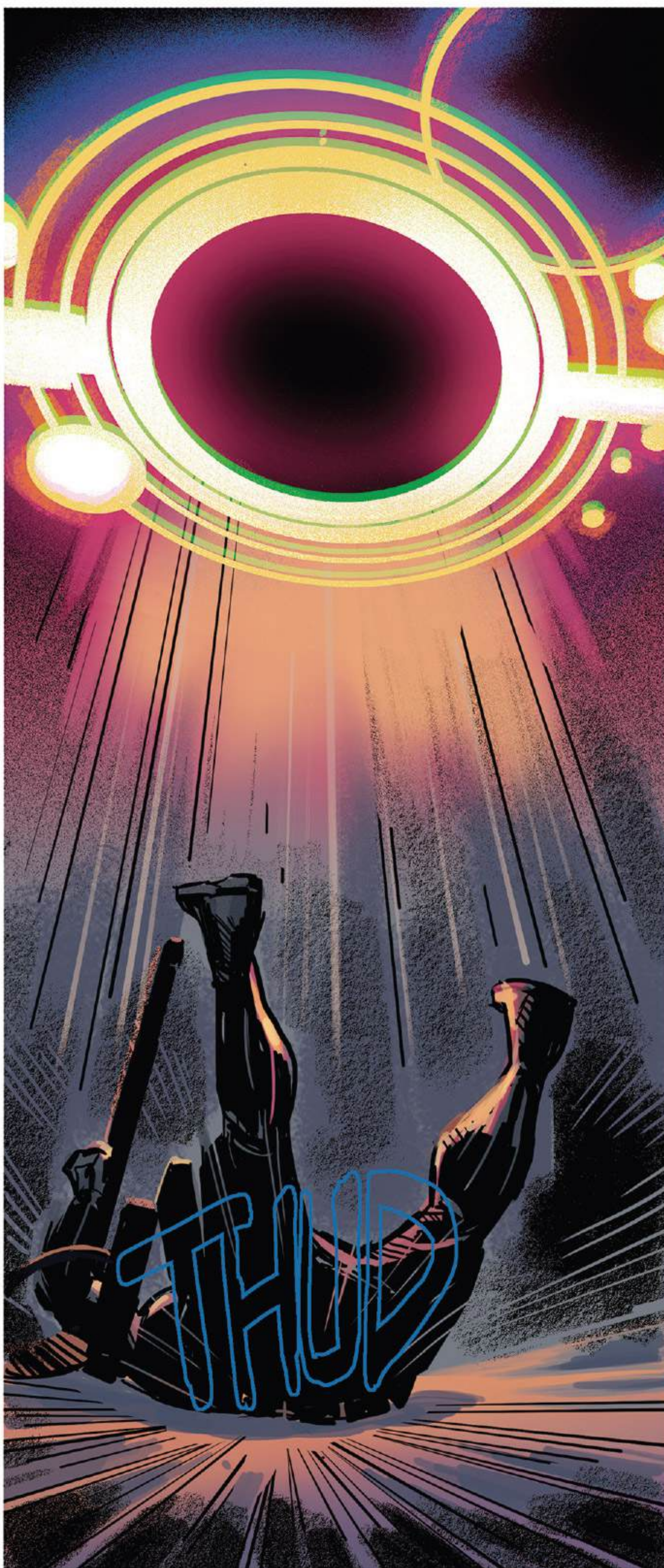
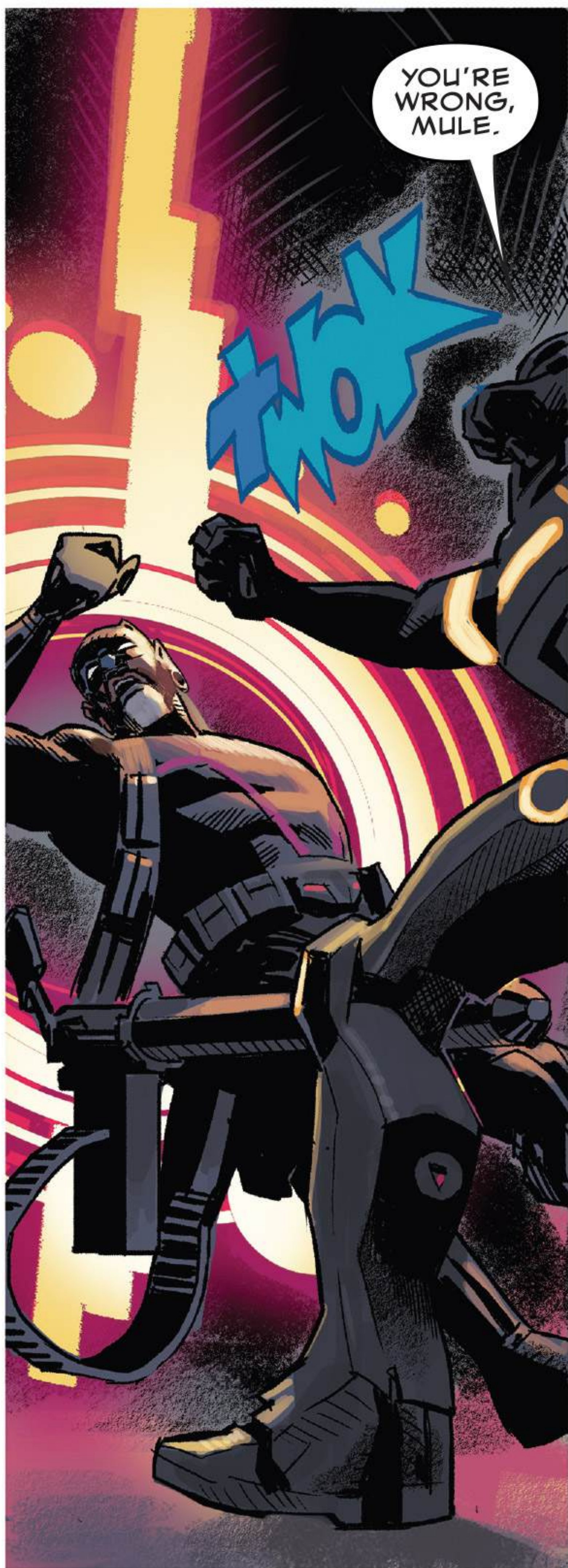














I AM
THE
MANIFOLD.

M'BAKU'S REBELLION!





SO IT ENDS.
AND THE SLAVE
IS RETURNED TO
HIS NATURAL
STATE.



NO
DIFFERENT THAN
YOUR OWN.



AND WHAT
MAKES YOU
THINK I AM
ANYTHING LIKE
YOU, MULE?



YOU
DON'T GET
IT.



UNDER
N'JADAKA,
WE ARE ALL
MULES.





M'BAKU,
ARE YOU
OKAY?

WHAT
WAS THAT
THING?



I'LL BE
FINE.

HE
CALLED HIMSELF
"THE MANIFOLD,"
WHATEVER THAT
MEANS.



I HAVE
SOME IDEAS.

BUT WHAT
I DON'T HAVE
IS TIME.

WE
NEED TO GET
EVERYONE
TO THE
SHUTTLES--



AND THEN
BACK UP TO THE
MACKANDAL.

OKAY, I'M
READY.



BUT
N'YAMI...



...WHERE IS
NAKIA? WHERE IS
T'CHALLA?

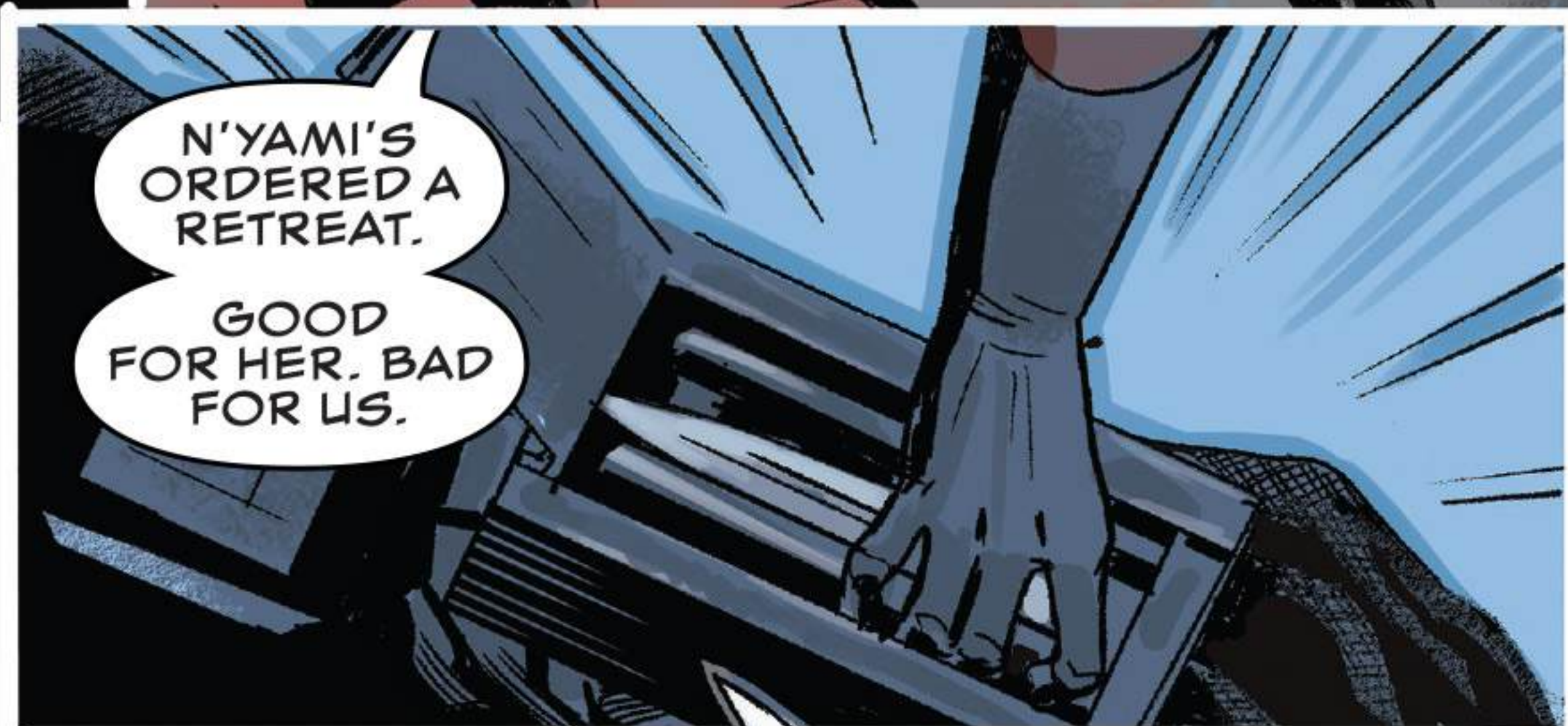
MAROON HIDEOUT, FORWARD BASE.



I WON'T
LIE TO YOU
GUYS--THIS
DOESN'T LOOK
GOOD.



THE EMPIRE'S
ASKARI RAIDERS HAVE
ENVELOPED US. WE'RE
OUTNUMBERED
THREE TO ONE.



N'YAMI'S
ORDERED A
RETREAT.

GOOD
FOR HER. BAD
FOR US.



THERE ARE NO
REINFORCEMENTS.
WE'VE GOT TO GET
TO THE SHUTTLES
ON OUR OWN.



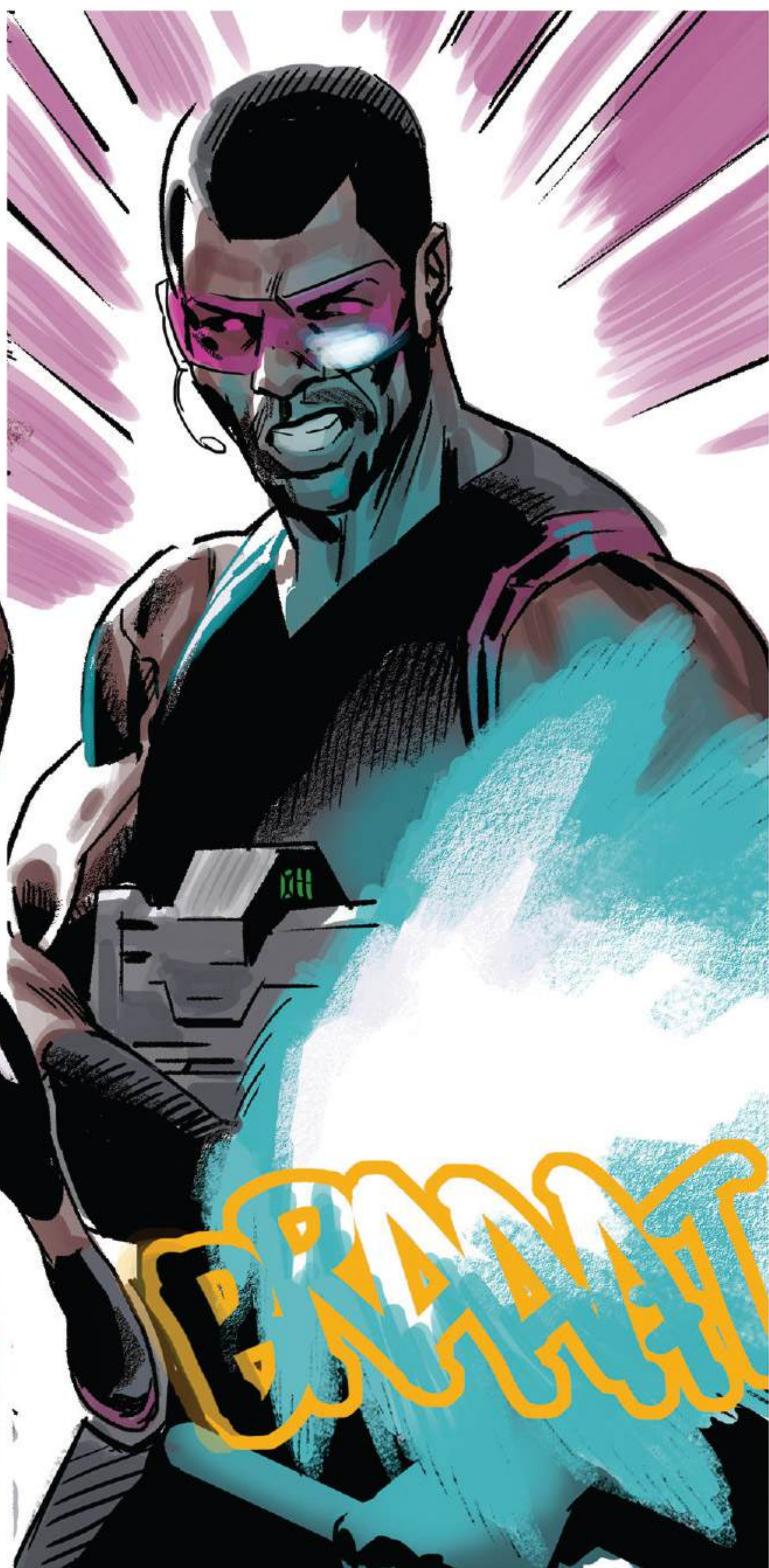
SO AS I
SAID, NOT
IDEAL.

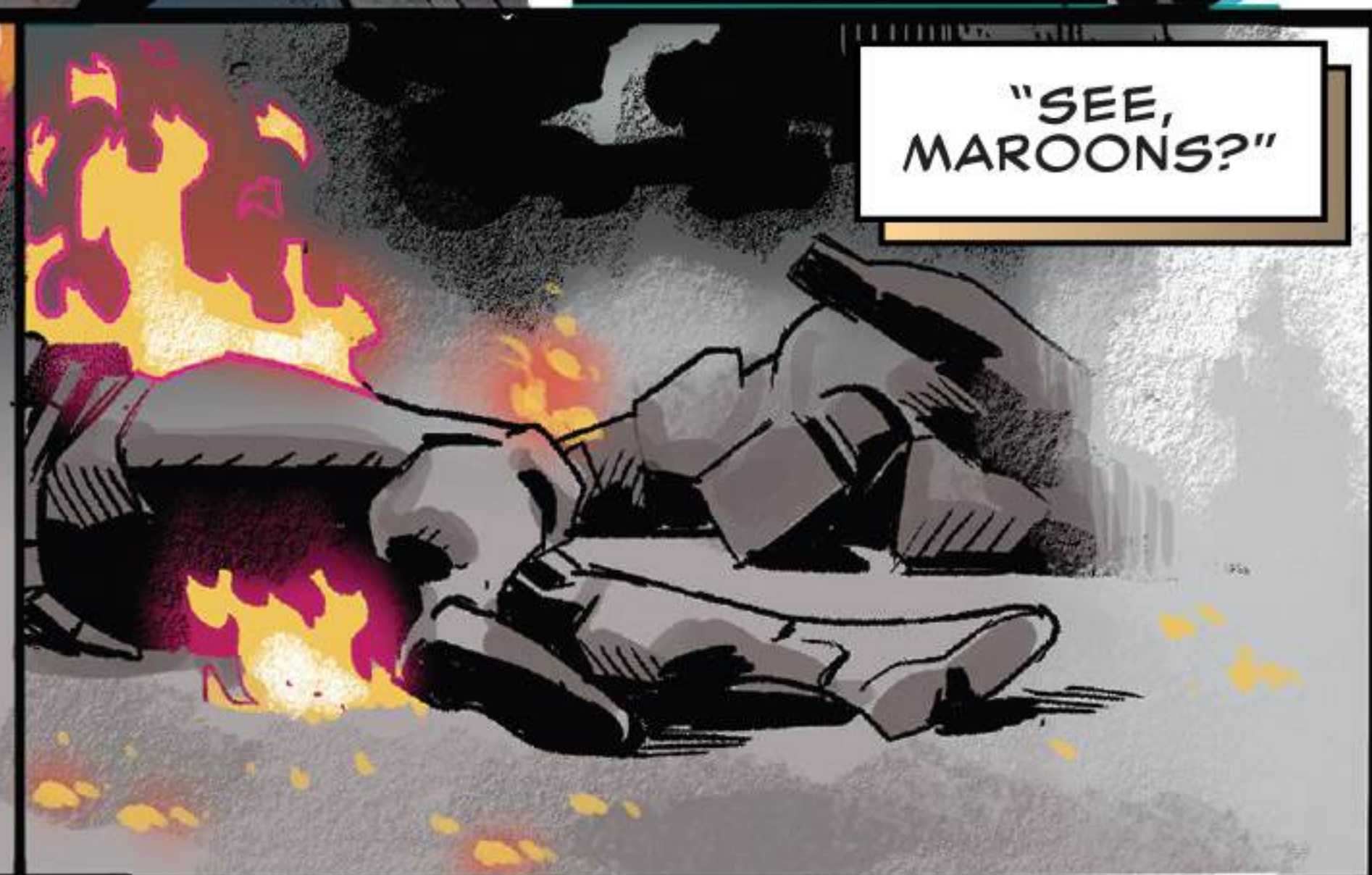
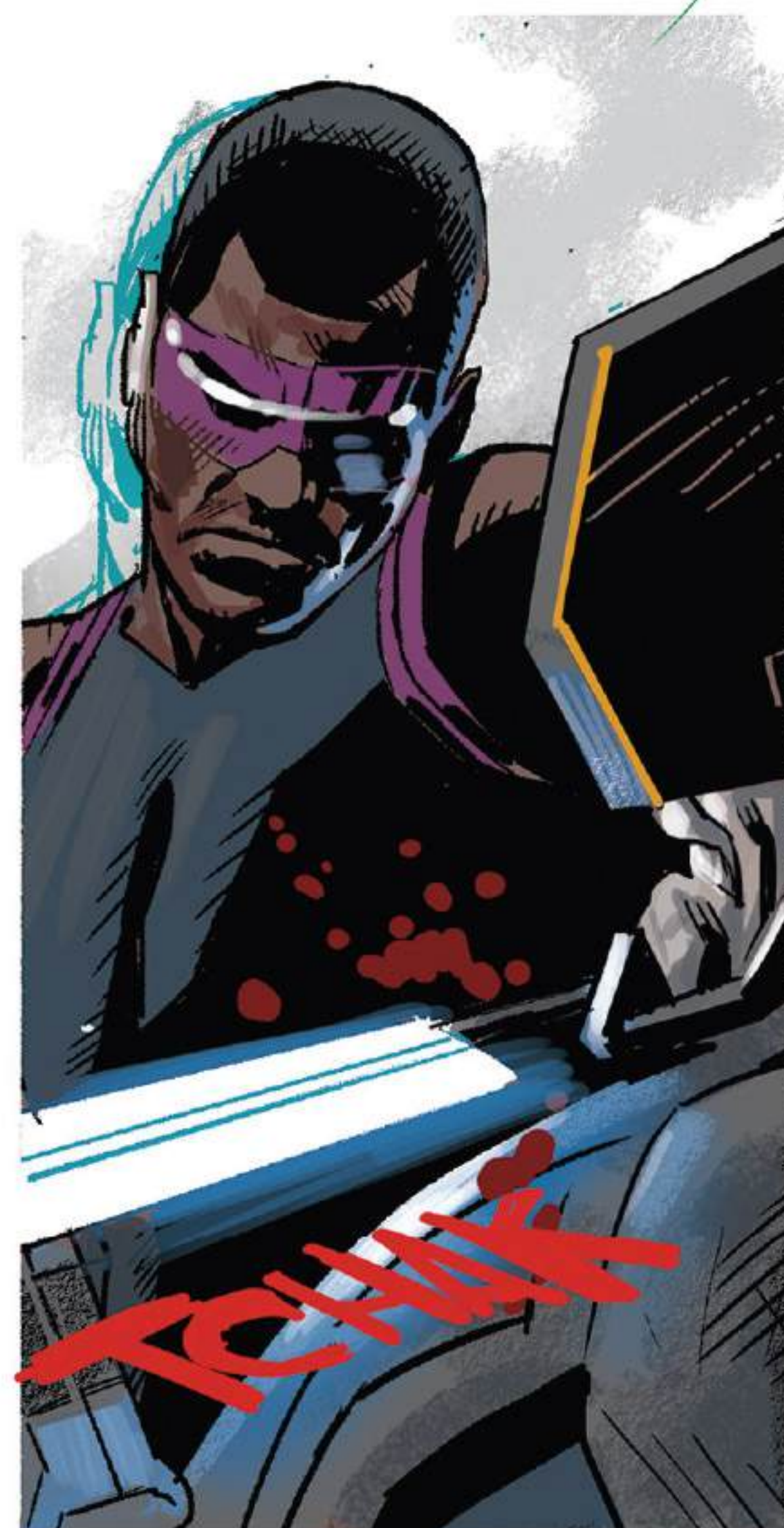


BUT WE'RE
MAROONS.

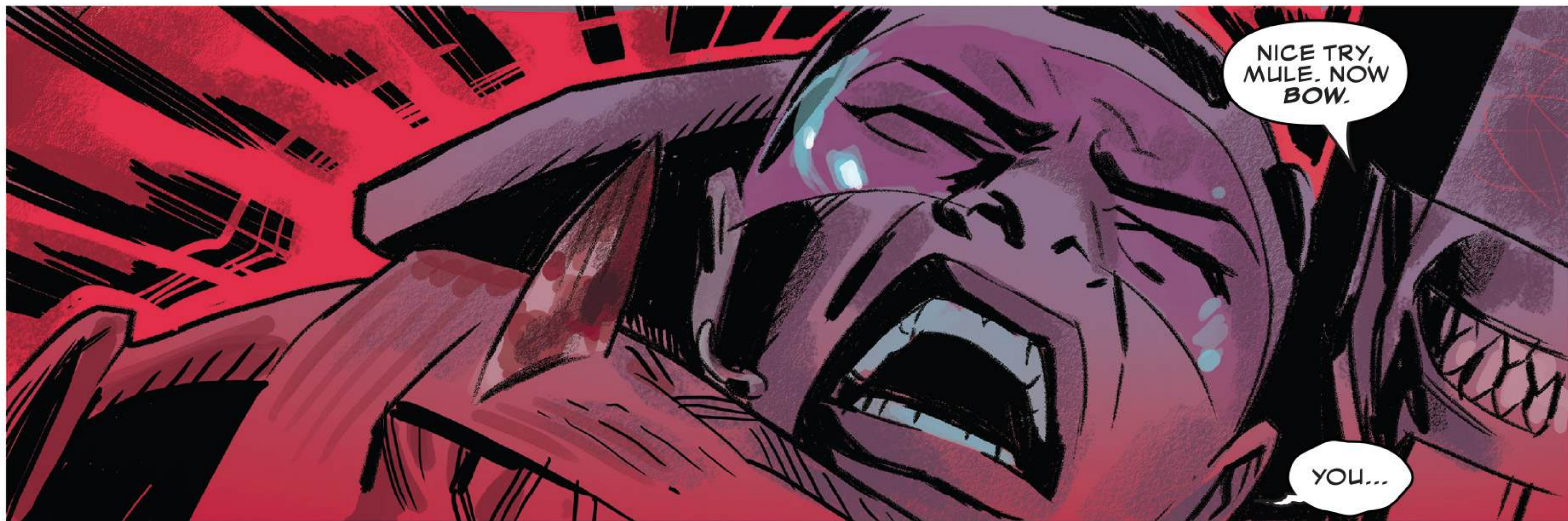


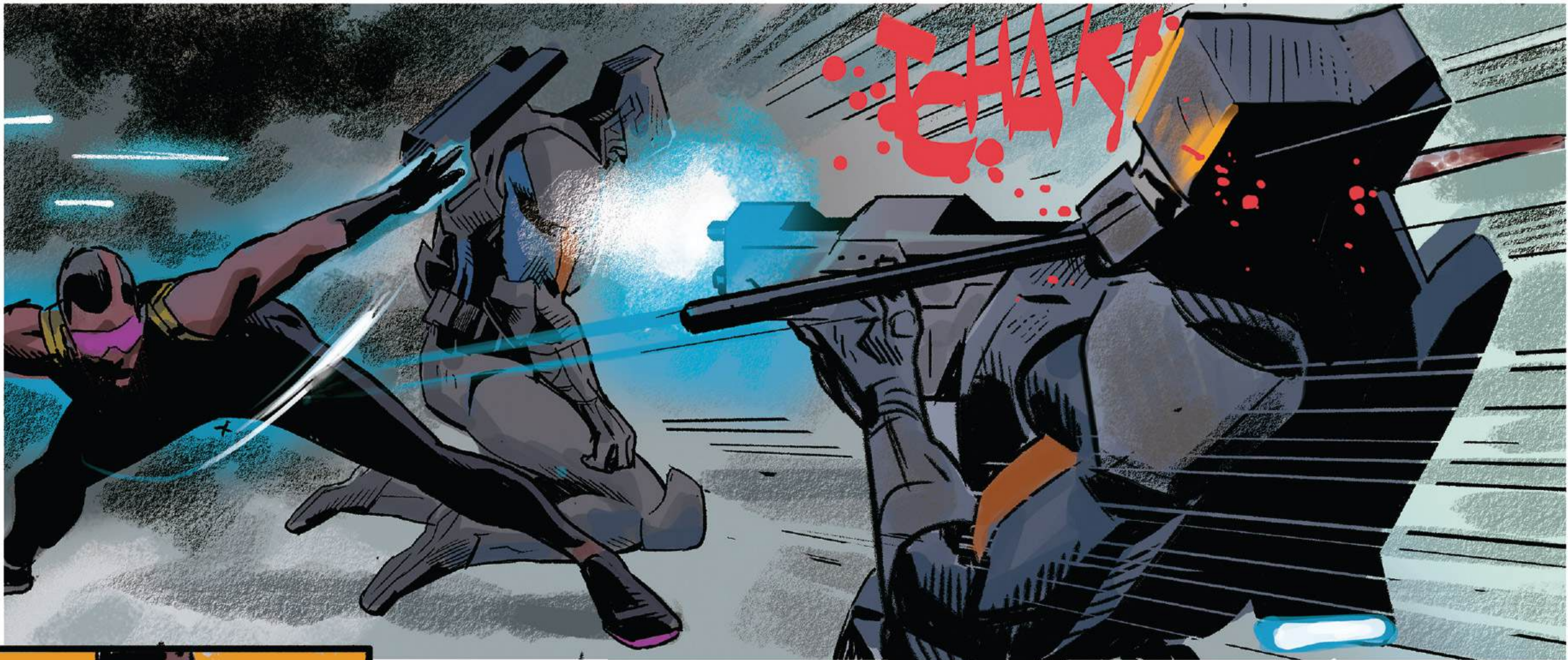
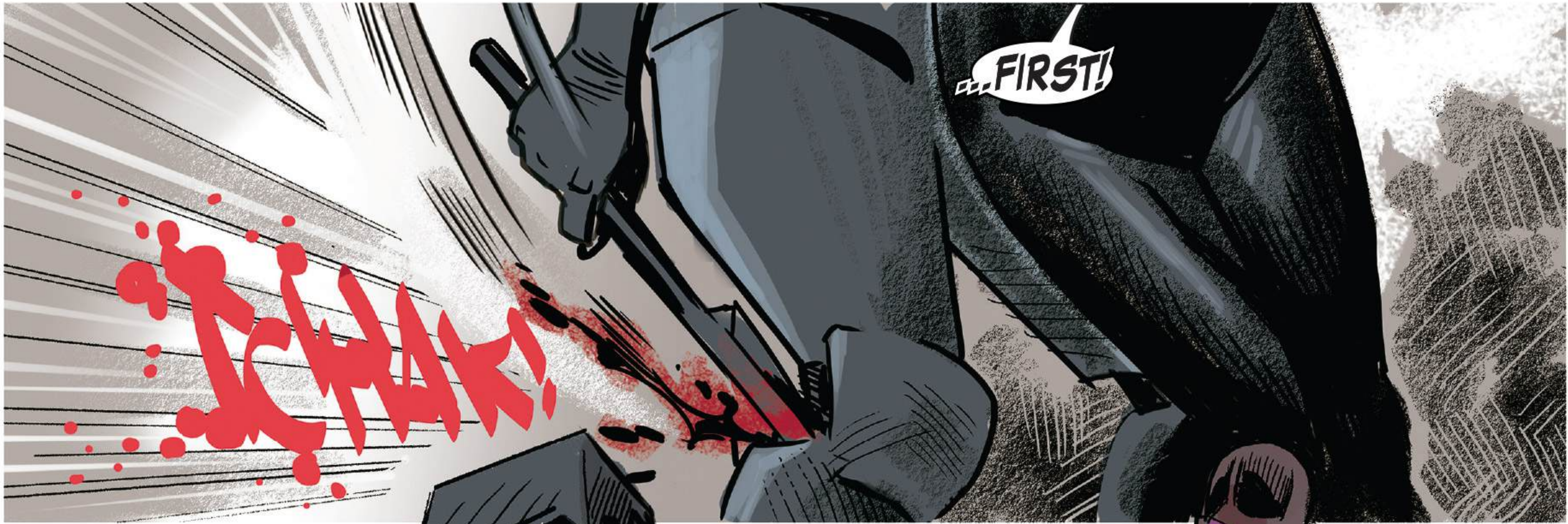
YES. WE'VE
CUT OUR
WAY OUT OF
WORSE.



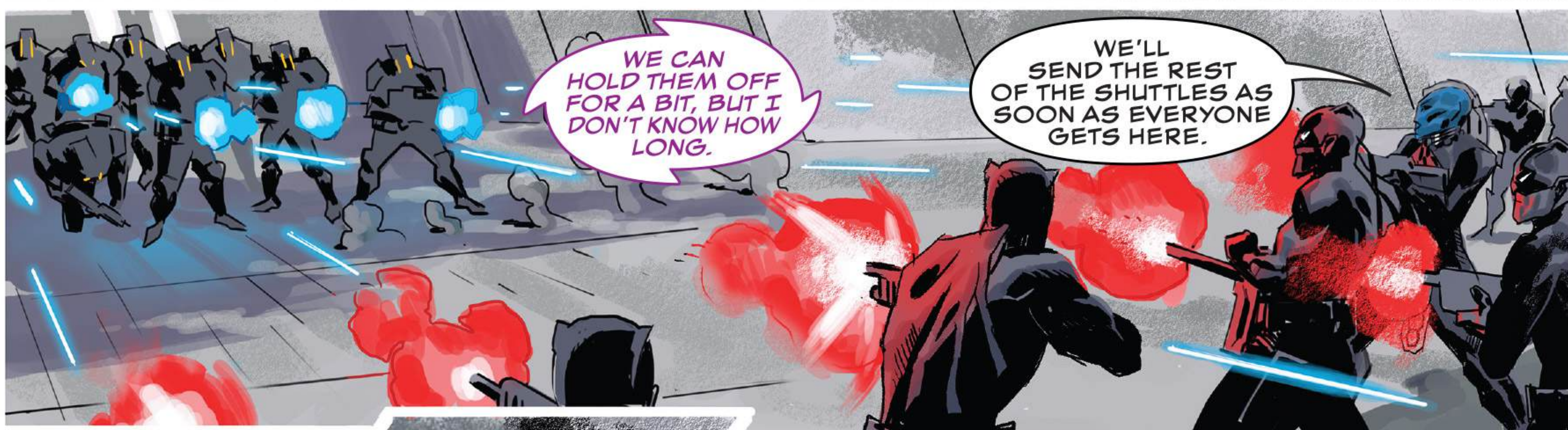




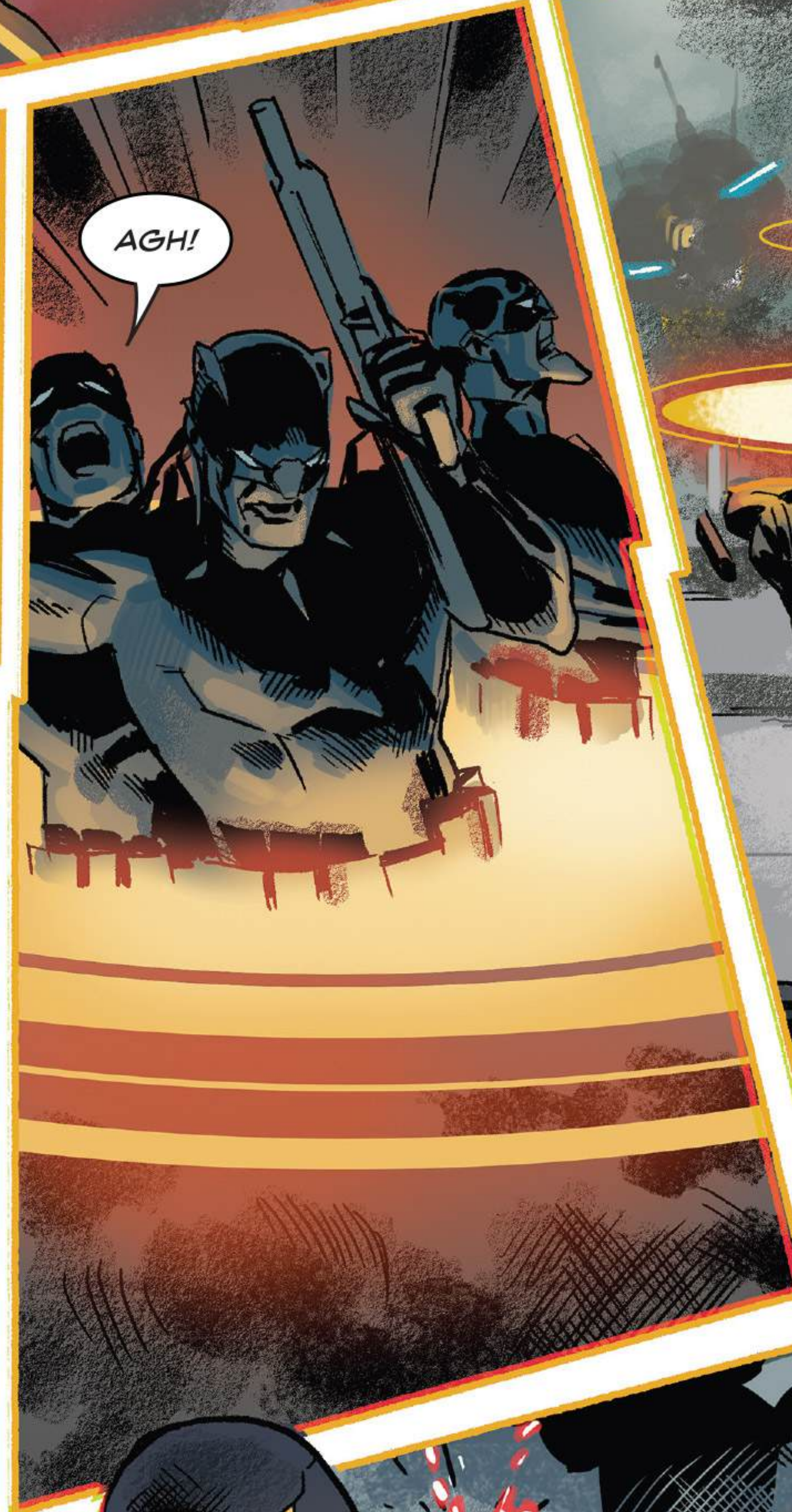




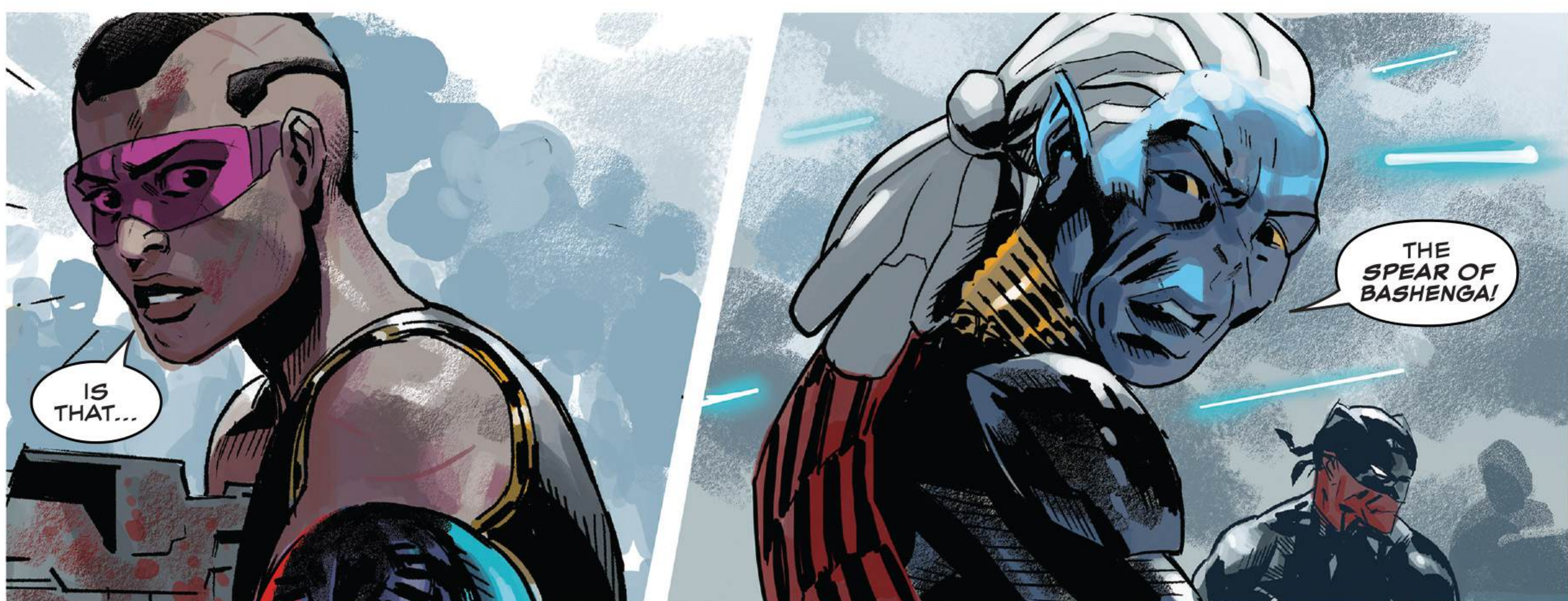
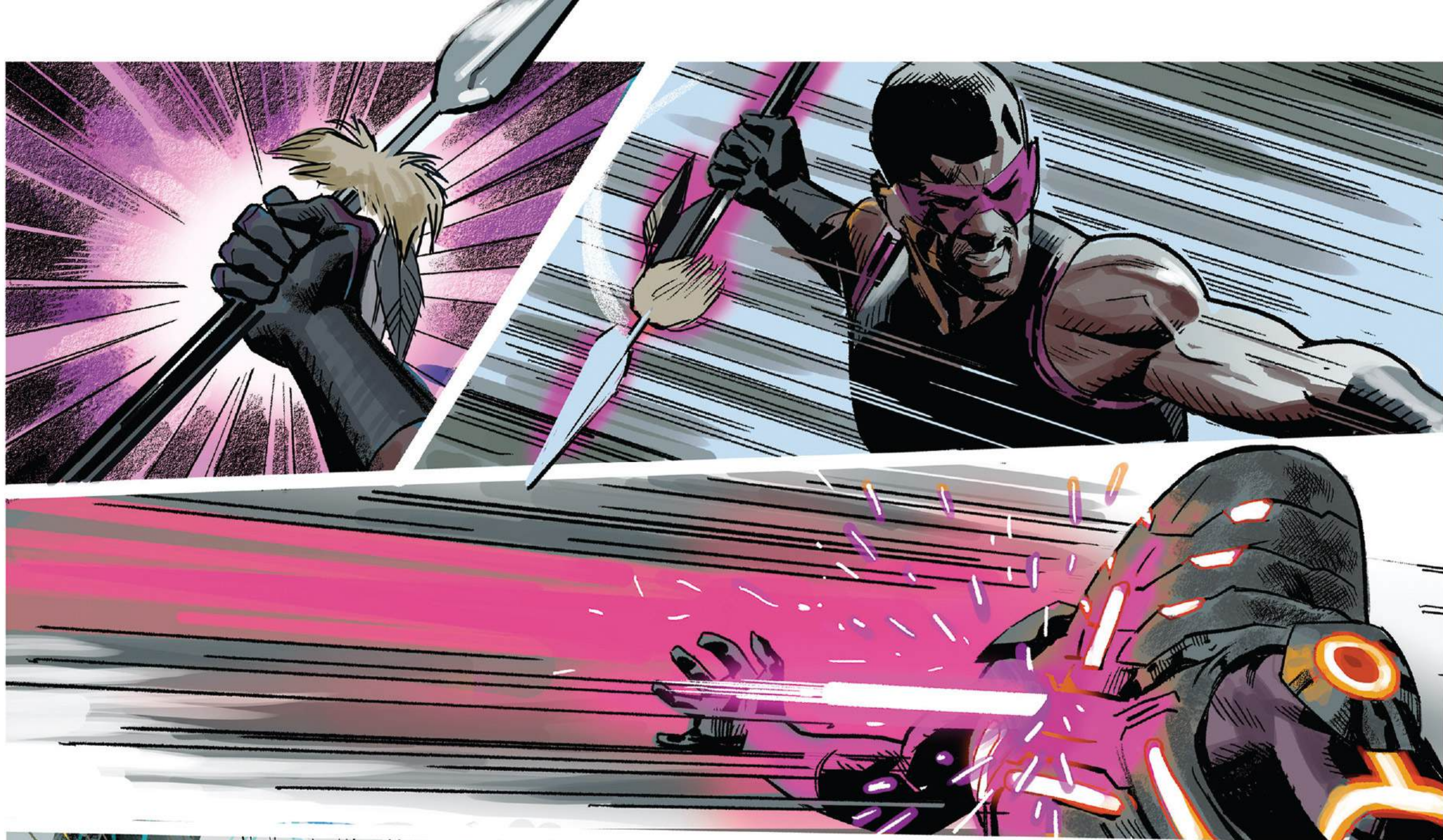


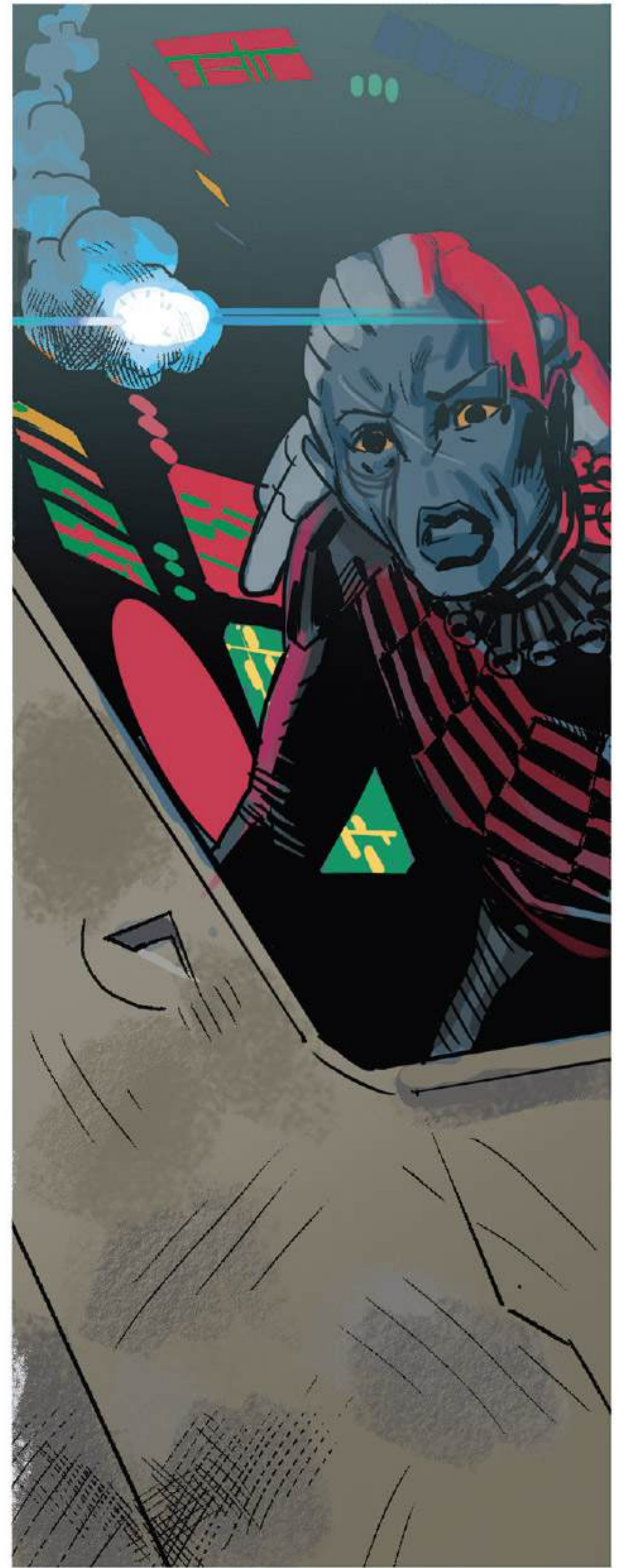
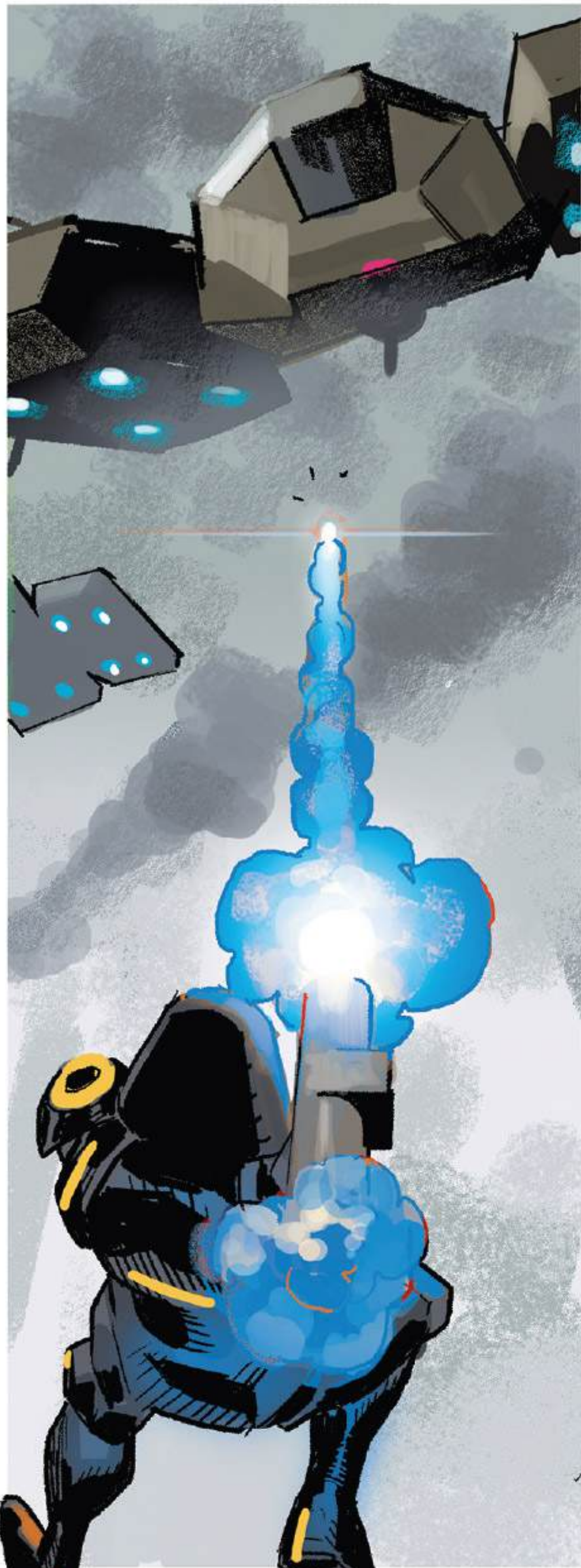
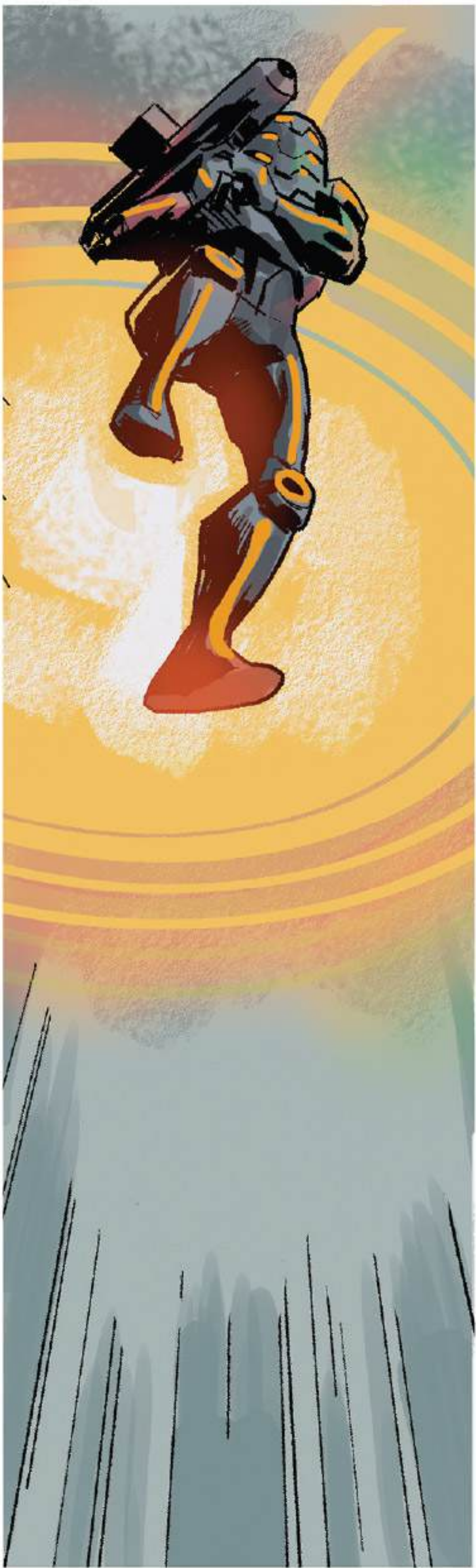
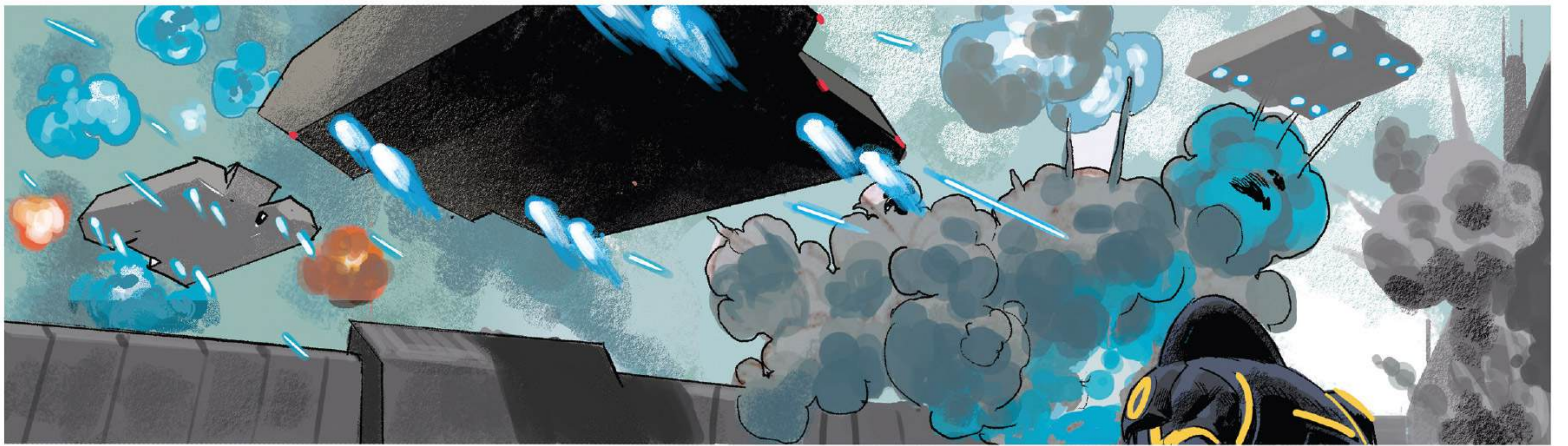


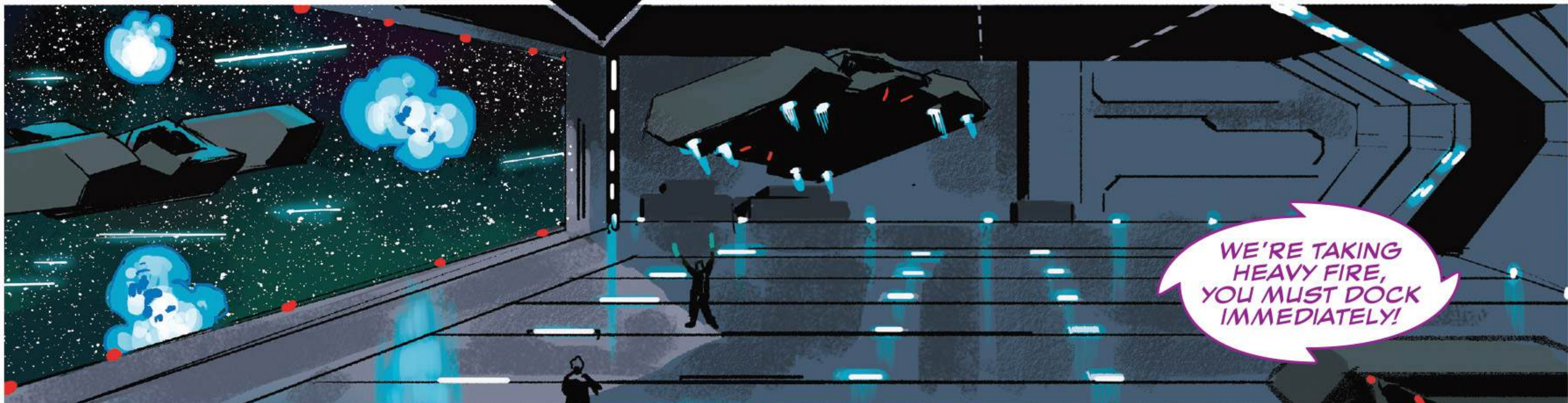




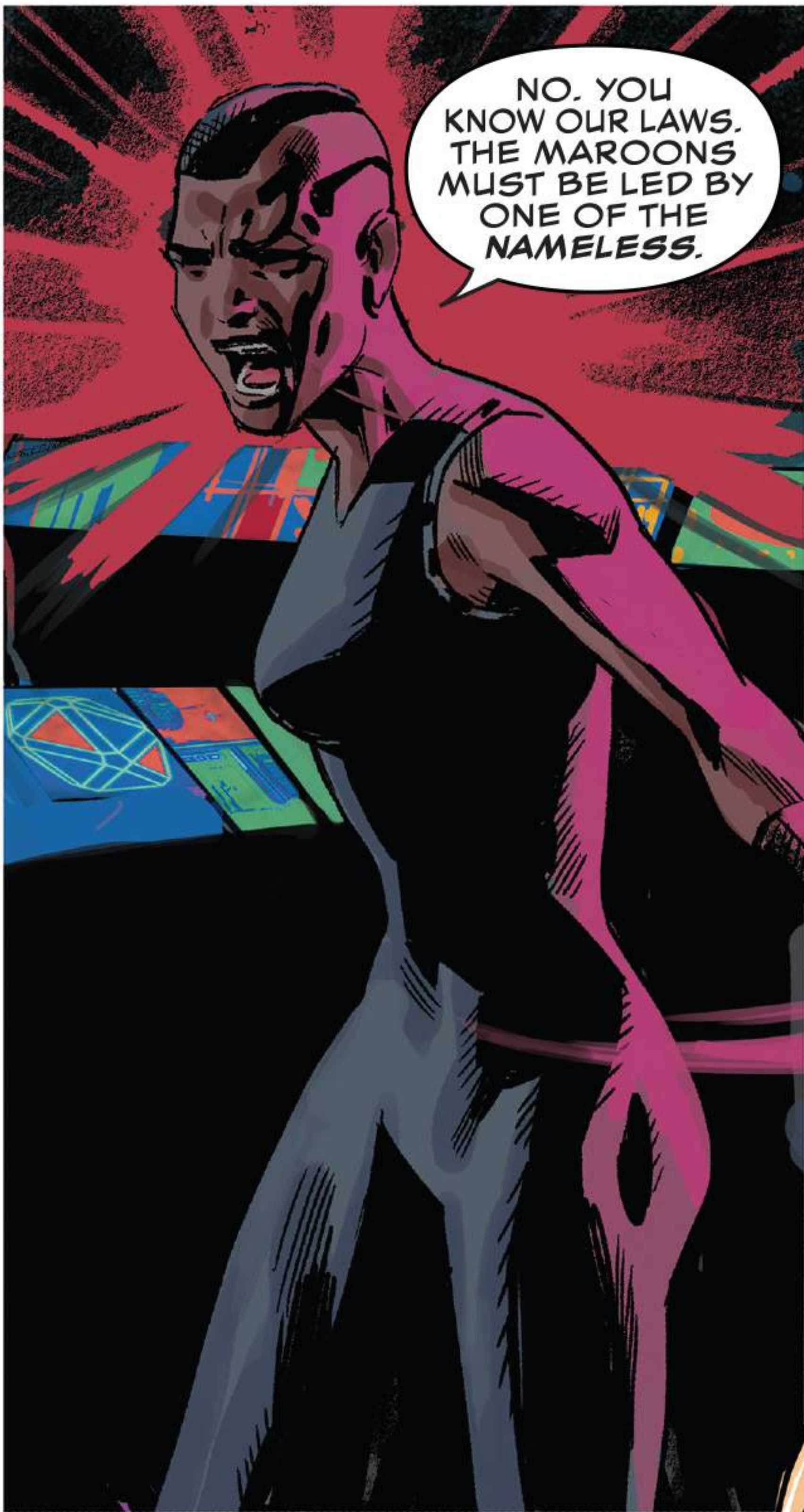








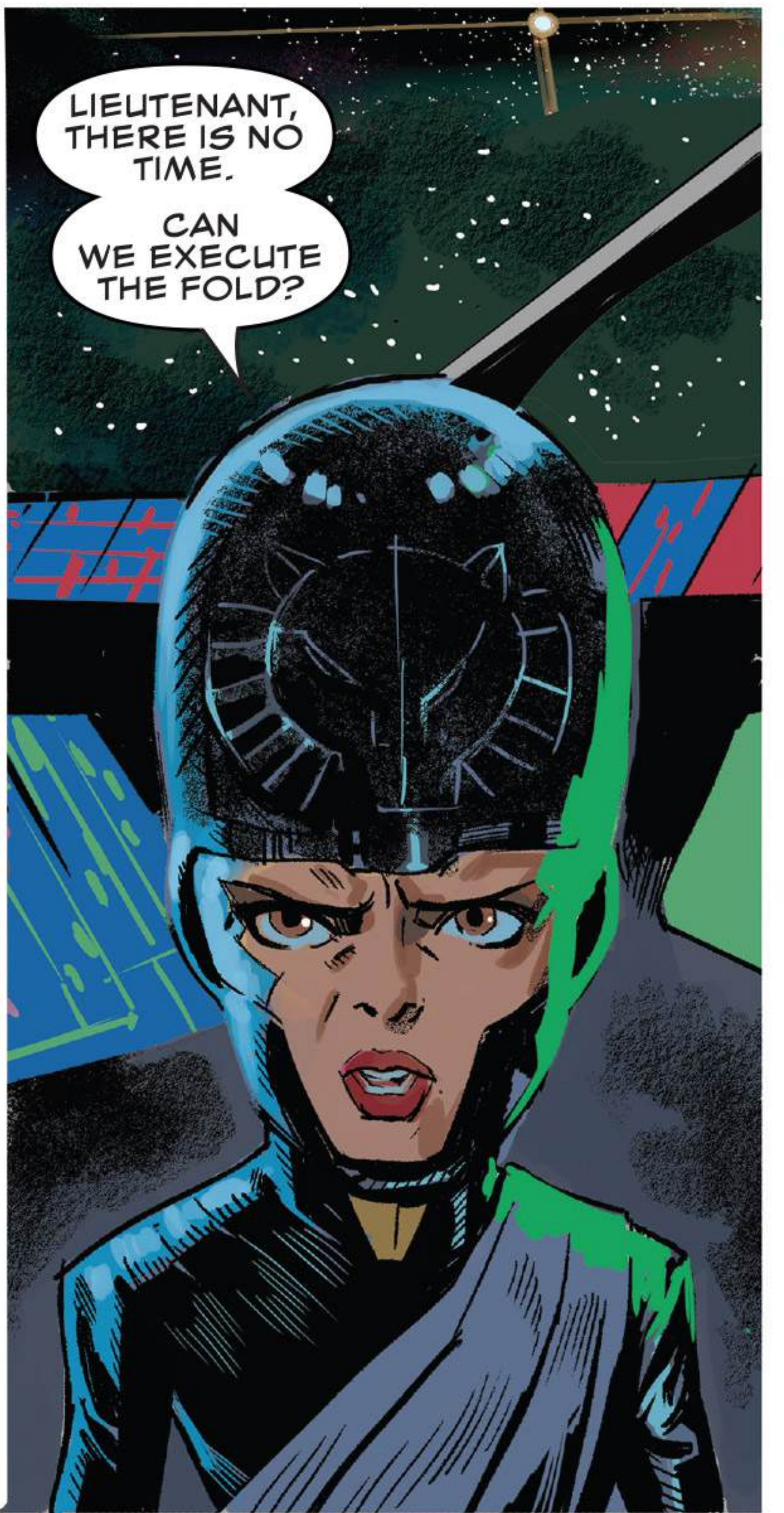




NO. YOU
KNOW OUR LAWS.
THE MAROONS
MUST BE LED BY
ONE OF THE
NAMELESS.



N'YAMI...



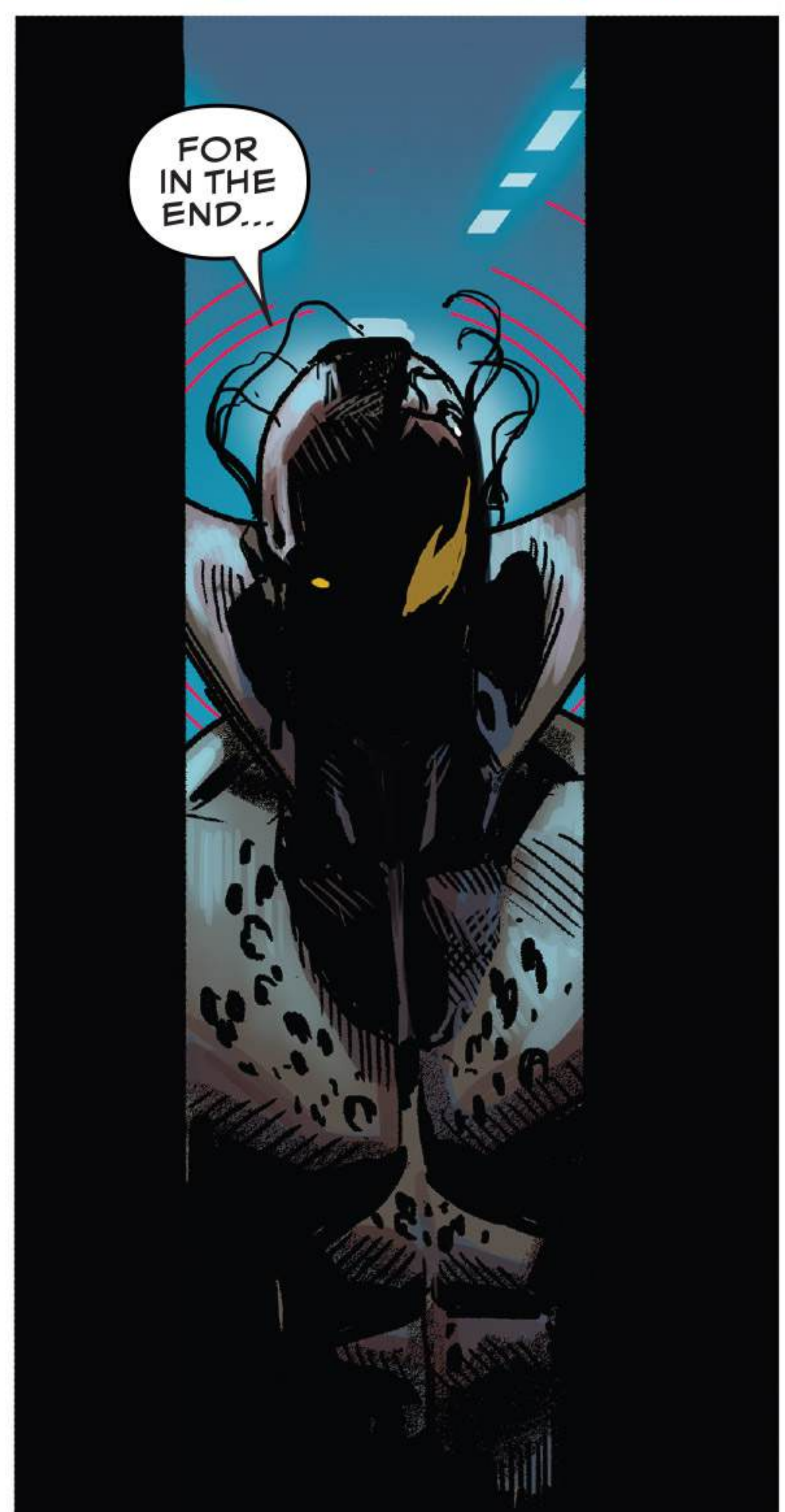
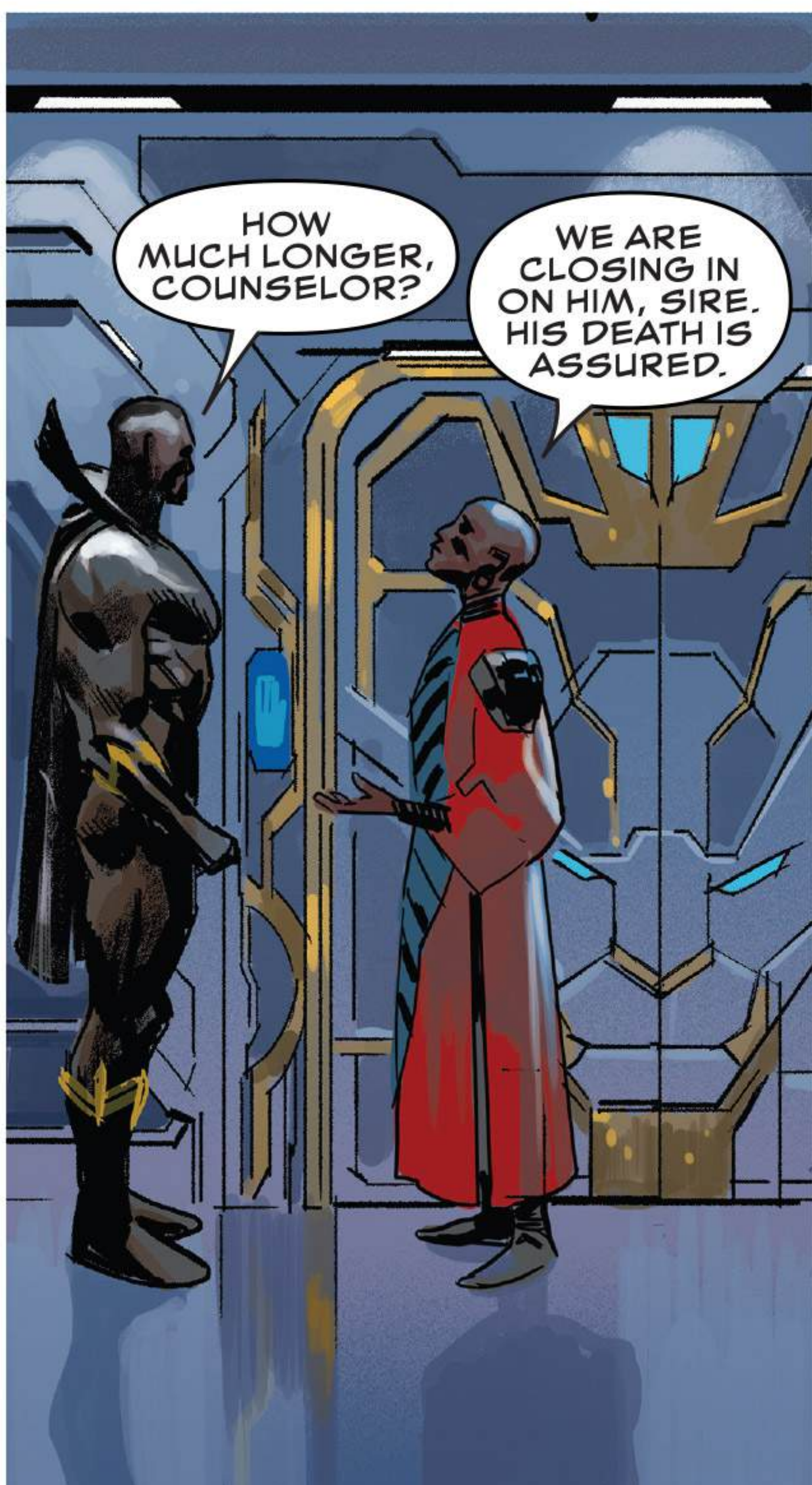
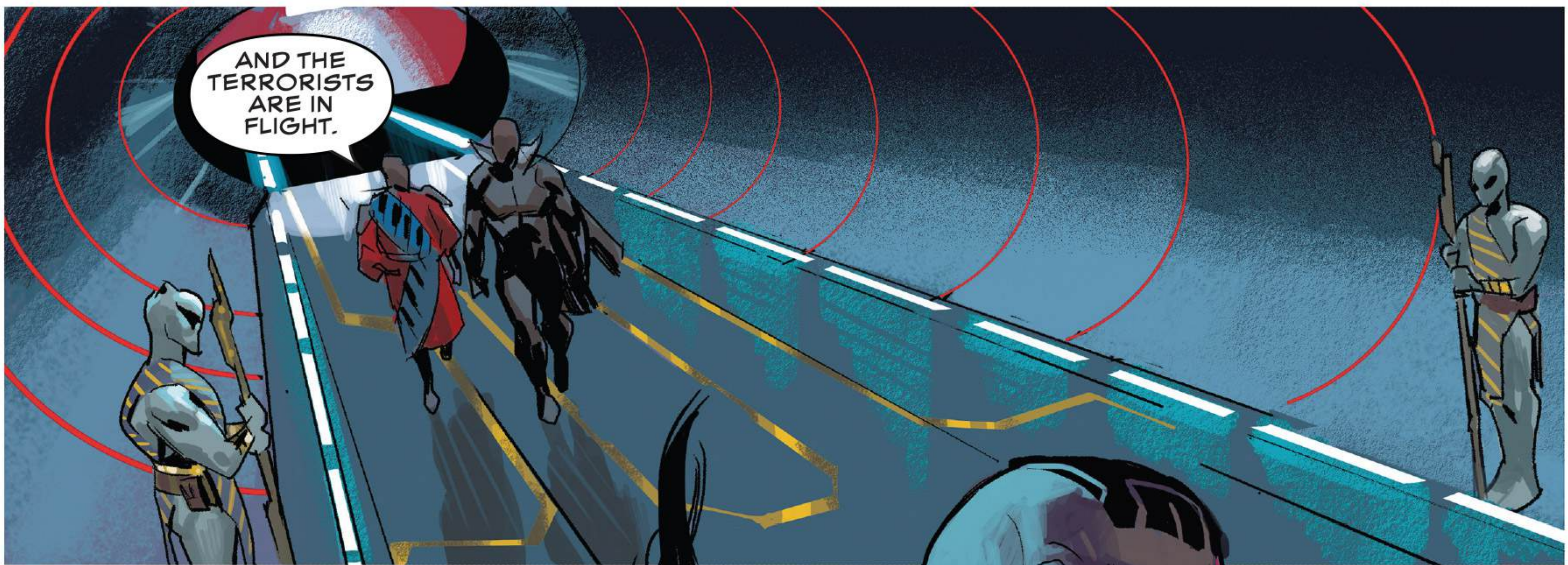
LIEUTENANT,
THERE IS NO
TIME.

CAN
WE EXECUTE
THE FOLD?



EXECUTE
THE FOLD.





"...THERE CAN ONLY
BE ONE AVATAR
OF BAST."



OCCUPYING THE FAR REACHES OF THE UNIVERSE, THE INTERGALACTIC EMPIRE OF WAKANDA IS A SPRAWLING IMPERIUM MADE UP OF FIVE STAR CLUSTERS.

THE EARLY WAKANDAN SETTLERS OF THE BENHAZIN SYSTEM WERE INITIALLY PEACEFUL, PREFERRING TO REMAIN AMONG THEIR OWN, AS WAS THE WAY OF THEIR FOREFATHERS. BUT A SERIES OF ATTEMPTED INVASIONS CONVINCED THE SETTLERS THAT SELF-DEFENSE WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH FOR THIS BARBARIC PORTION OF SPACE — PREVENTIVE STRIKES MUST BE MADE. THEN, AFTER THE WAKANDANS MASTERED THE TECHNOLOGY OF DEEP-SPACE PASSAGE, THOSE PREVENTIVE STRIKES BECAME PREVENTIVE OCCUPATION AND FINALLY PREVENTIVE CONQUEST.

ARMED WITH SUPERIOR TECHNOLOGY AND A TYPICAL WAKANDAN FEROCITY IN BATTLE, THE CONQUERORS QUICKLY BECAME MASTERS OF THEIR CORNER OF THE UNIVERSE — AND THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THEY WILL SIMPLY SETTLE FOR THAT CORNER.

THE FIVE GALAXIES OF THE EMPIRE:

THE BENHAZIN SYSTEM:

HOME GALAXY OF PLANET BAST, THE BENHAZIN SYSTEM IS THE ORIGINATING GALAXY FOR THE INTERGALACTIC EMPIRE OF WAKANDA. THE SYSTEM WAS ONCE RICH IN VIBRANIUM — INDEED, JUST OUTSIDE THE SOLAR SYSTEM OF PLANET BAST THERE ONCE WAS A RING OF ASTEROIDS MADE OF NEARLY PURE VIBRANIUM. THE ASTEROID BELT IS LONG GONE, HAVING BEEN STRIP-MINED BY THE WAKANDANS A MILLENNIA AGO.

T'CHAKA'S REACH:

THE CLOSEST GALAXY TO THE BENHAZIN SYSTEM, AND THE FIRST TO FALL UNDER THE SWAY OF THE EMPIRE, T'CHAKA'S REACH WAS ONCE HOME TO A GREAT INTERPLANETARY EMPIRE RULED BY THE RIGELLIANS. THE WAKANDANS MADE SHORT WORK OF THEM, HOWEVER, AND THE STAR SYSTEM IS NOW DOTTED WITH PLANETARY RUINS. THE RIGELLIANS ARE NOW NOMADS OF THEIR HOME GALAXY, THOROUGHLY DISPLACED BY THE CONQUERING WAKANDANS.

THE S'YAAN EXPANSE:

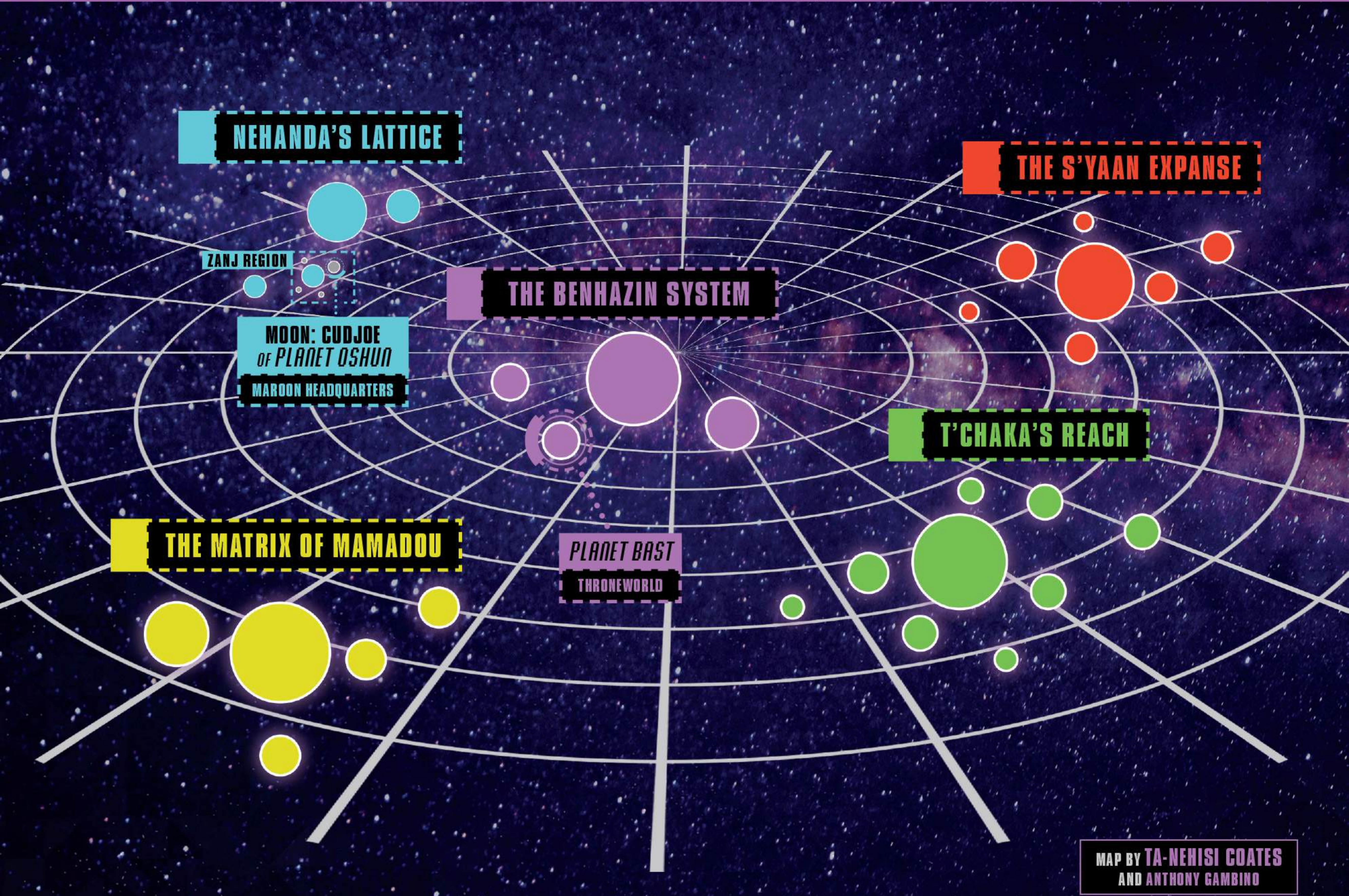
A RICH NETWORK OF STAR SYSTEMS SUPPORTING PLANETS IN THE “GOLDILOCKS ZONE,” OR PLANETS CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING CARBON-BASED LIFEFORMS. THE WAKANDANS SEIZED UPON THE S'YAAN EXPANSE NOT FOR ITS VIBRANIUM BUT FOR ITS LUSH AND BEAUTIFUL PLANETS, FEW OF WHICH REQUIRED TERRAFORMING. THE S'YAAN EXPANSE IS THOUGHT TO BE THE MOST BEAUTIFUL GALAXY IN THE EMPIRE, HOME TO MAGNIFICENT STELLAR PHENOMENON. THE S'YAAN EXPANSE WAS THE SECOND GALAXY TO FALL TO THE WAKANDANS AND PROVED CRUCIAL IN THE MASSIVE POPULATION BOOM THAT ALLOWED THEIR CONQUESTS TO CONTINUE. NOTHING IS RECORDED OF THE EXPANSE'S ORIGINAL INHABITANTS. WHOEVER THEY WERE, IT APPEARS THE WAKANDANS DEALT WITH THEM MERCILESSLY.

THE MATRIX OF MAMADOU:

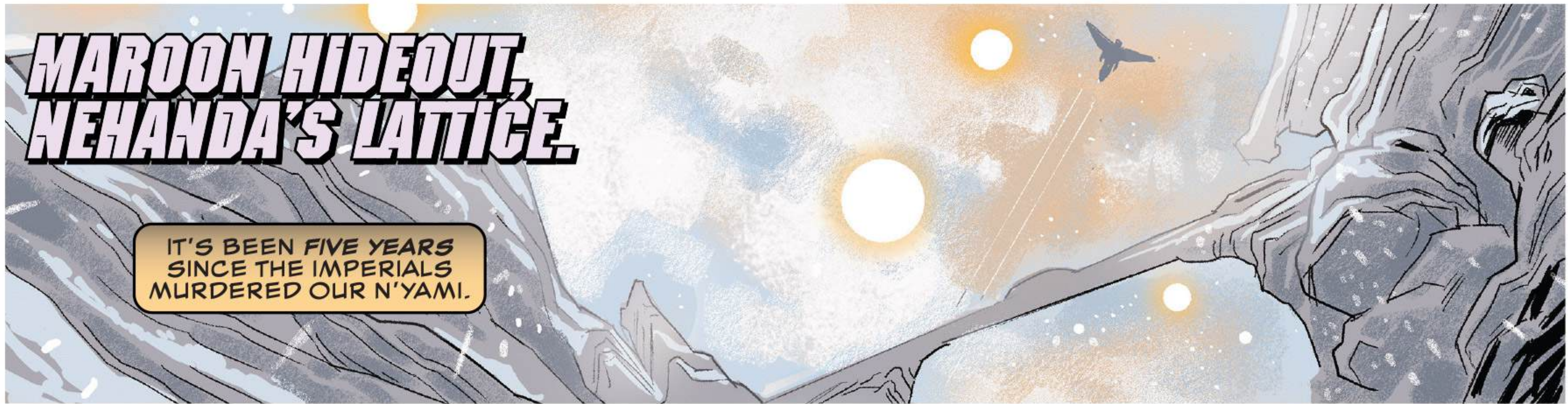
ONCE HOME TO A WARRING SET OF POWERS, THE MATRIX OF MAMADOU WAS CONQUERED BY THE WAKANDANS AT CONSIDERABLE COSTS. THE FEROCIOUS KRONAN WERE ONCE BASED HERE, AS WELL AS A COLONY OF KLYNTAR AND ANOTHER OF MYSTERIOUS SHADOW-PEOPLE. THE KRONAN HAVE SINCE BEEN ENSLAVED, WHILE THE SHADOW-PEOPLE HAVE ACCEPTED WAKANDAN RULE AND INTEGRATED THEMSELVES IN VIRTUALLY ALL LEVELS OF WAKANDAN SOCIETY. THE FATE OF THE KLYNTAR COLONY REMAINS A MYSTERY TO THIS DAY.

NEHANDA'S LATTICE:

GEOGRAPHICALLY IT IS THE GALAXY MOST DISTANT FROM THE BENHAZIN SYSTEM. IT CONTAINS WITHIN IT THE ZANJ REGION, HOME TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE MAROONS, THE MOST SUSTAINED AND THREATENING REBELLION EVER LAUNCHED AGAINST THE EMPIRE. NEHANDA'S LATTICE WAS ORIGINALLY DOMINATED BY THE AQUATIC TEKU-MAZA, BUT THE WAKANDANS HAVE SINCE ENSLAVED THEM AND FORCED THEM TO WORK IN THE VIBRANIUM MINES OF ZANJ AND OTHER SITES ACROSS THE GALAXY.



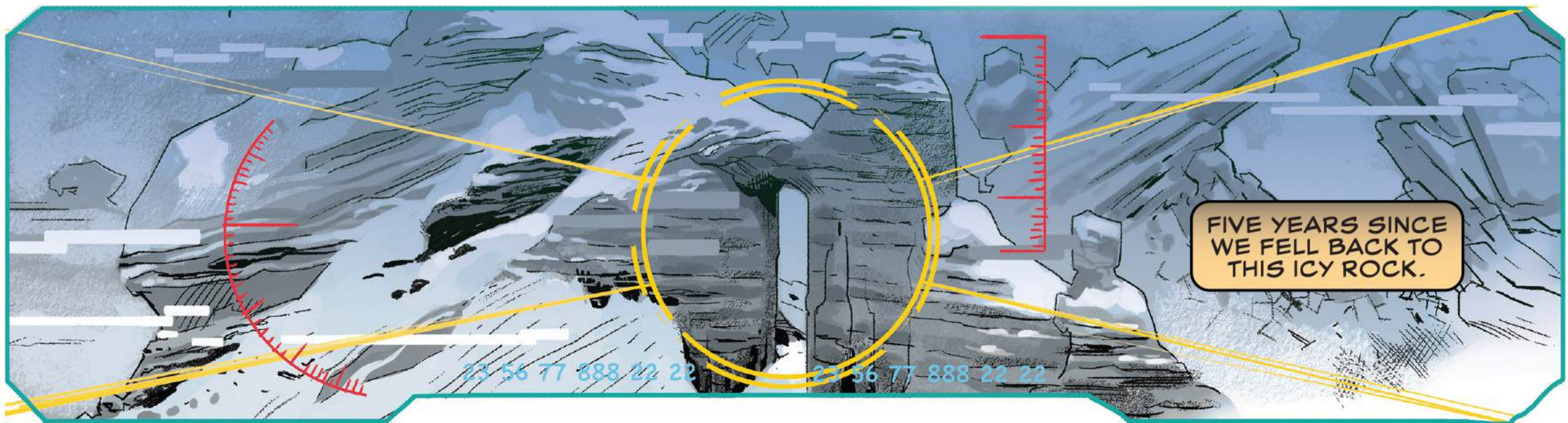




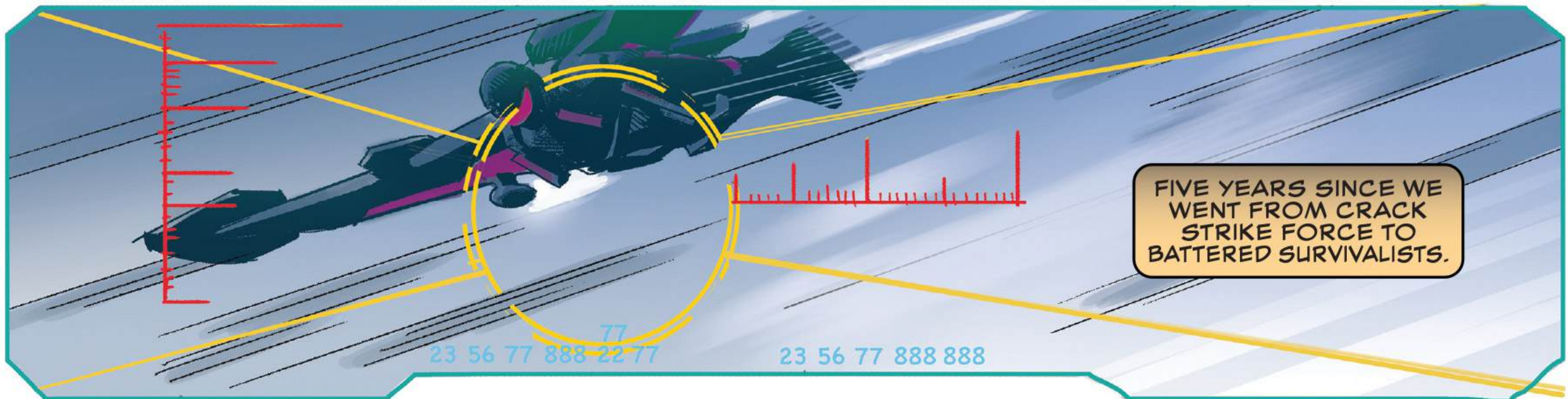
IT'S BEEN FIVE YEARS SINCE THE IMPERIALS MURDERED OUR N'YAMI.



FIVE YEARS SINCE M'BAKU WAS GIVEN COMMAND OF THE MAROON REBELLION.



FIVE YEARS SINCE WE FELL BACK TO THIS ICY ROCK.



FIVE YEARS SINCE WE WENT FROM CRACK STRIKE FORCE TO BATTERED SURVIVALISTS.

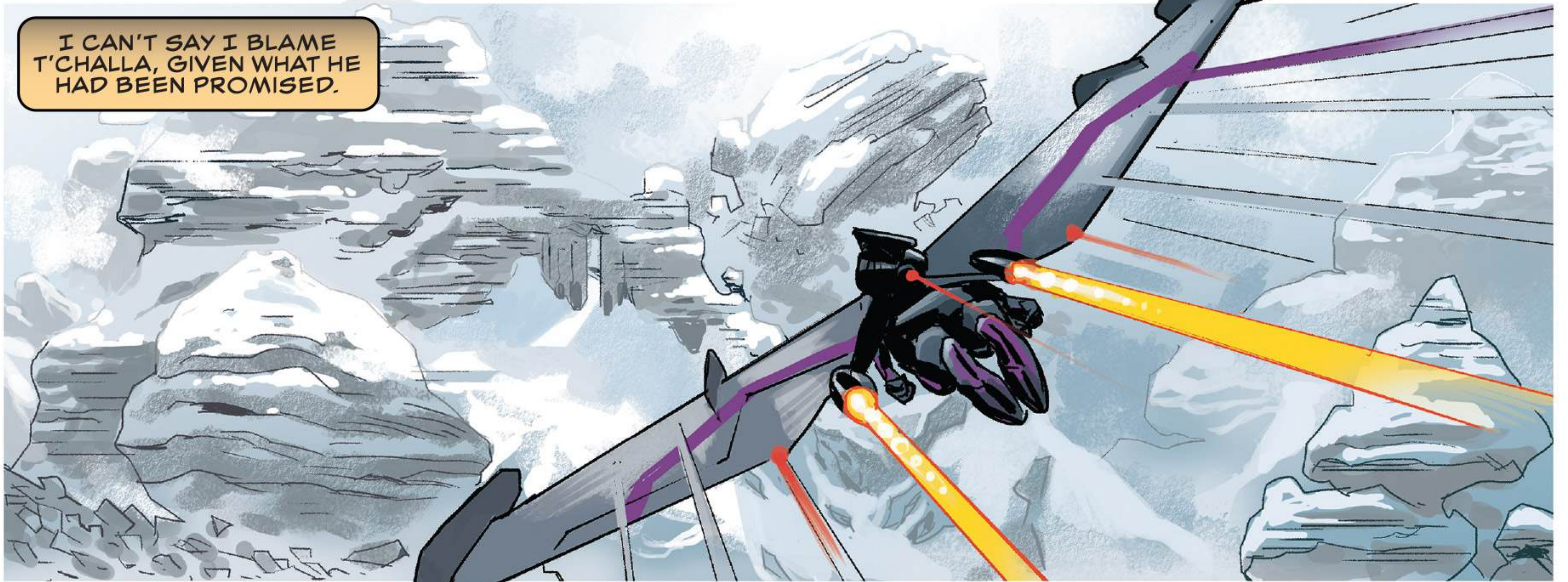


THAT PASSAGEWAY IS TOO NARROW.

T'CHALLA...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?



SOME OF US ARE HANDLING IT BETTER THAN OTHERS.



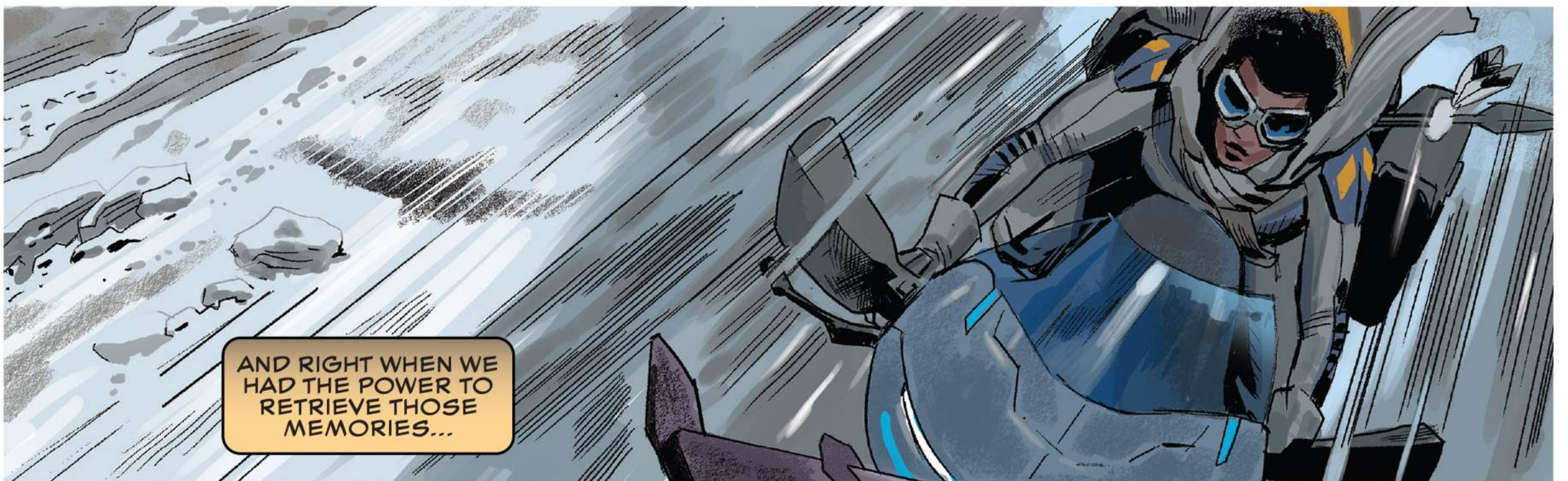
I CAN'T SAY I BLAME
T'CHALLA, GIVEN WHAT HE
HAD BEEN PROMISED.



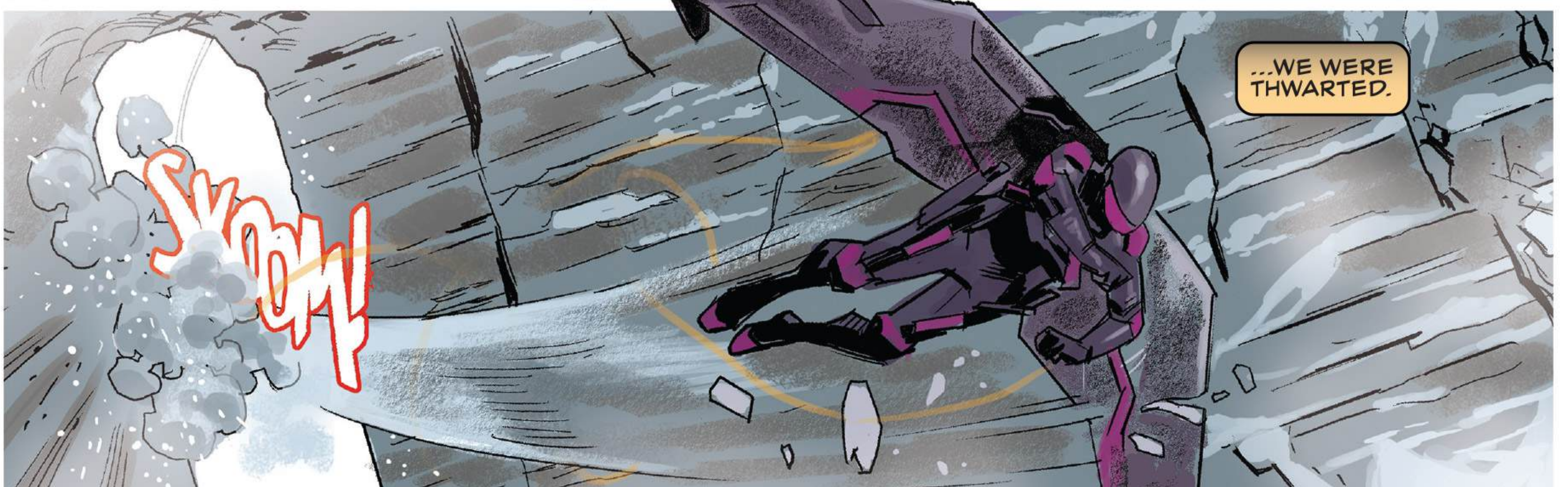
THE MEMORIES
THE EMPIRE
STOLE FROM
HIM.



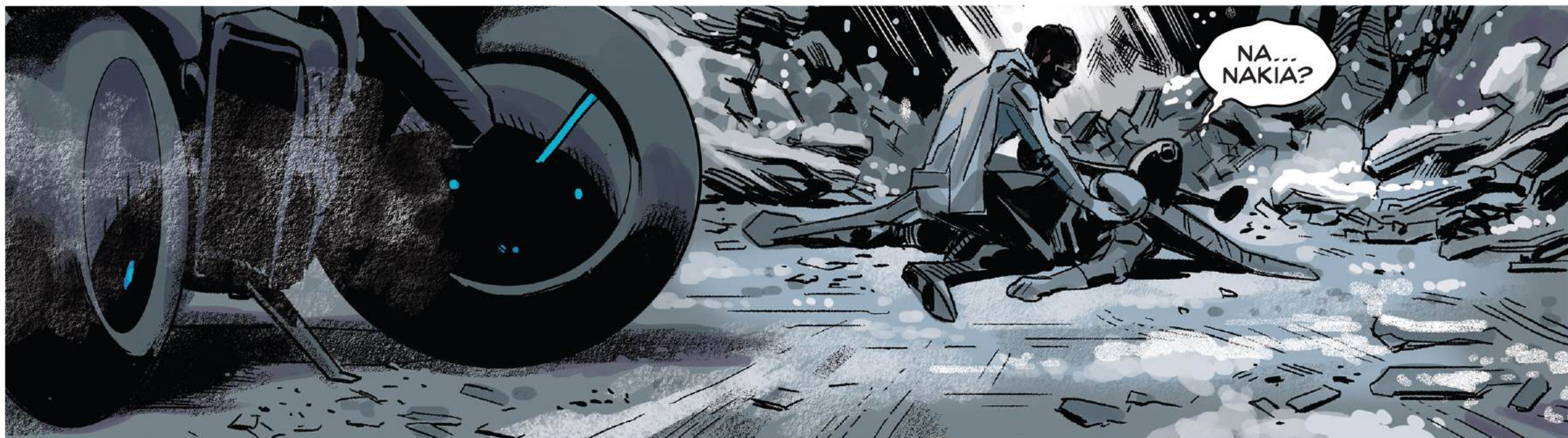
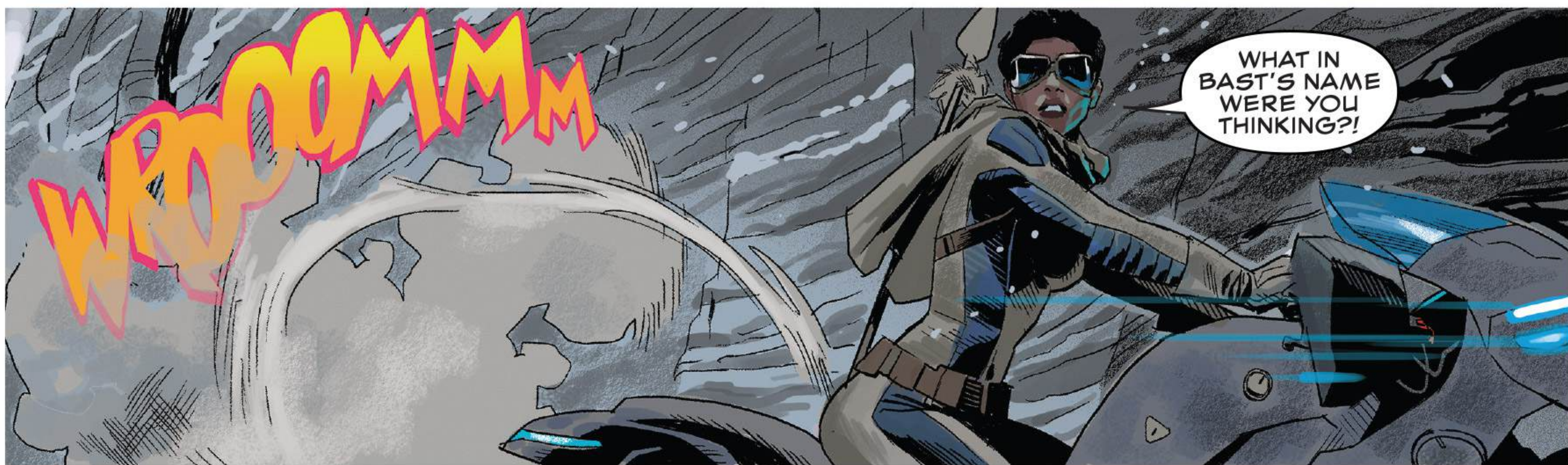
STOLE FROM
ALL THE
NAMELESS.

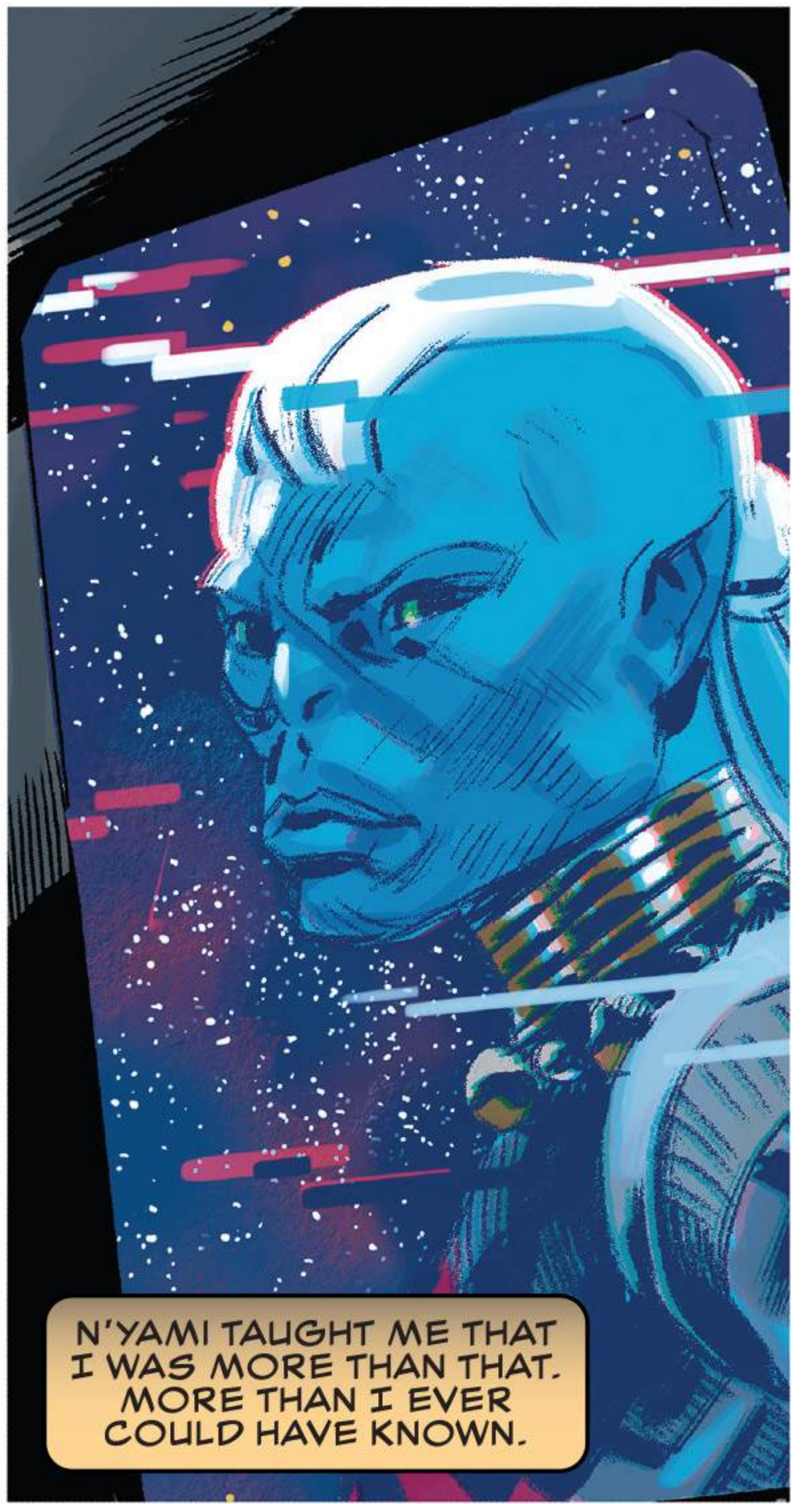
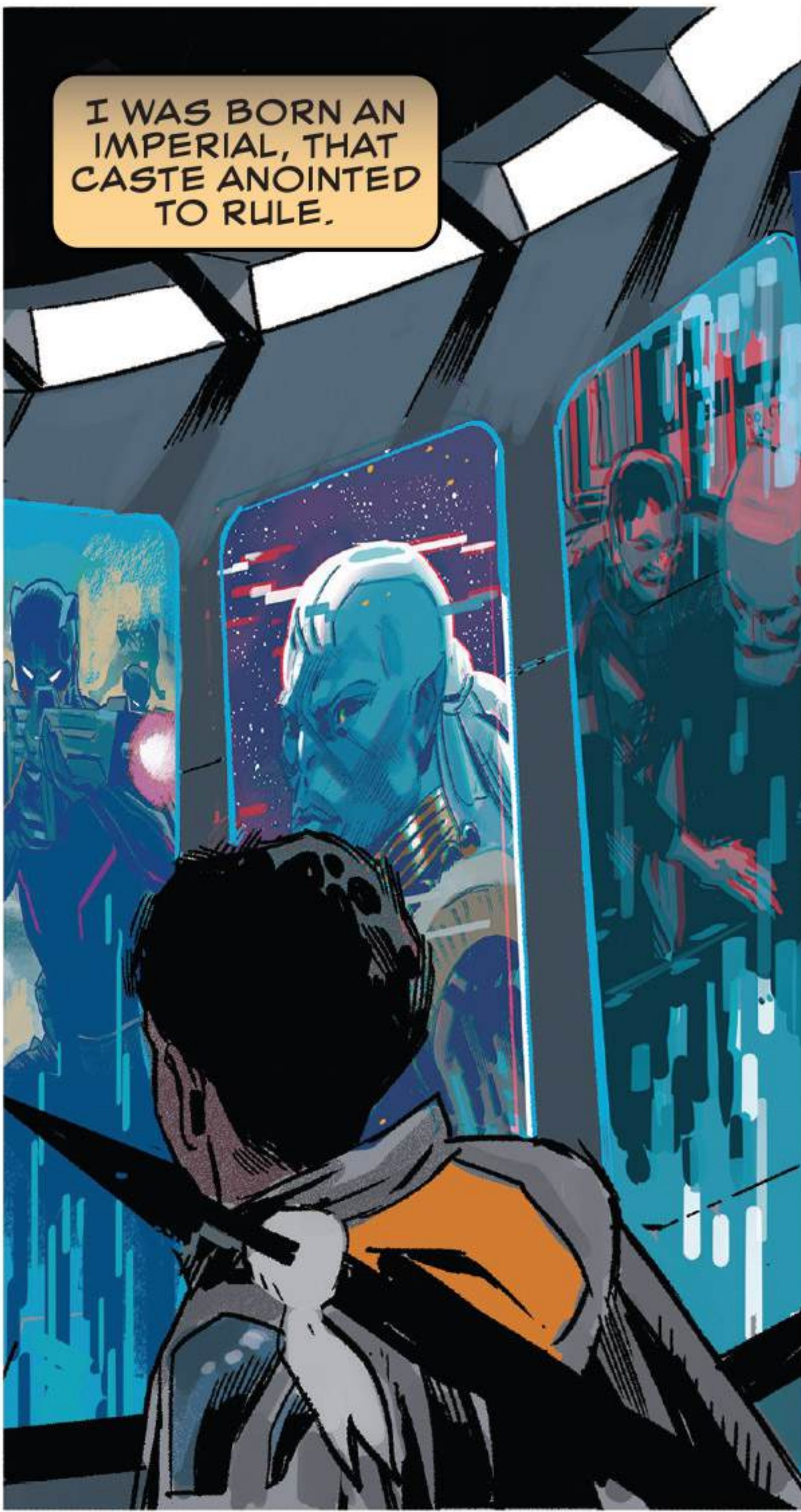


AND RIGHT WHEN WE
HAD THE POWER TO
RETRIEVE THOSE
MEMORIES...



...WE WERE
THWARTED.







...YOURS
TO DO WITH
AS YOU
WISH.



AND WHAT
IF I WISH TO
RETURN THE
SPEAR TO
ITS RIGHTFUL
OWNER?



WE'VE
GIVEN UP WAR,
NAKIA, HAVE
WE NOT?

GIVEN UP
FIGHTING FOR
HALF-MEMORIES
AND GHOSTS.



OUR
CHAMPION WAS
SLAUGHTERED
BEFORE OUR
VERY EYES.



THAT SPEAR
IS A GRIM
REMINDER OF ALL
THAT I LOST
THAT DAY...

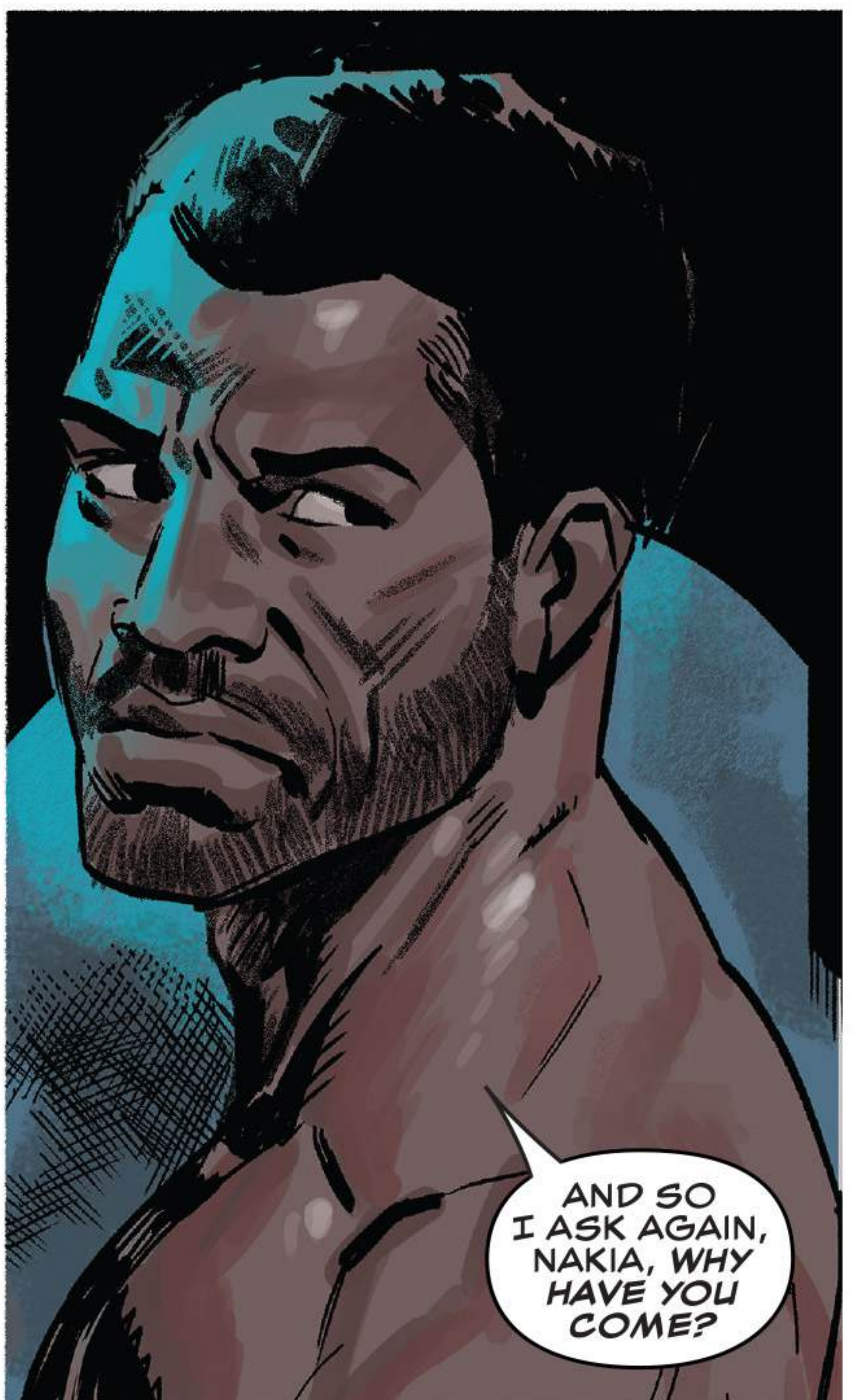
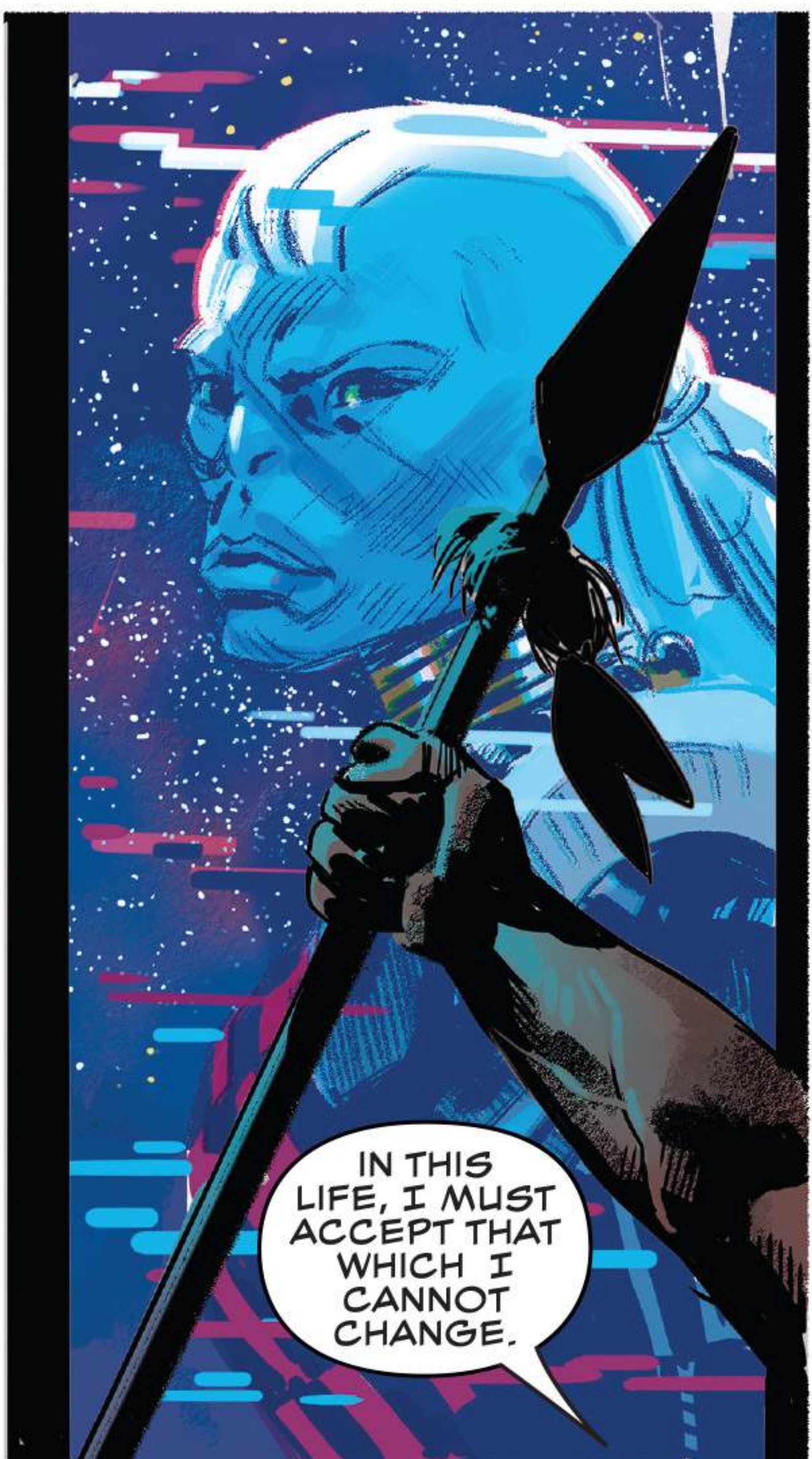
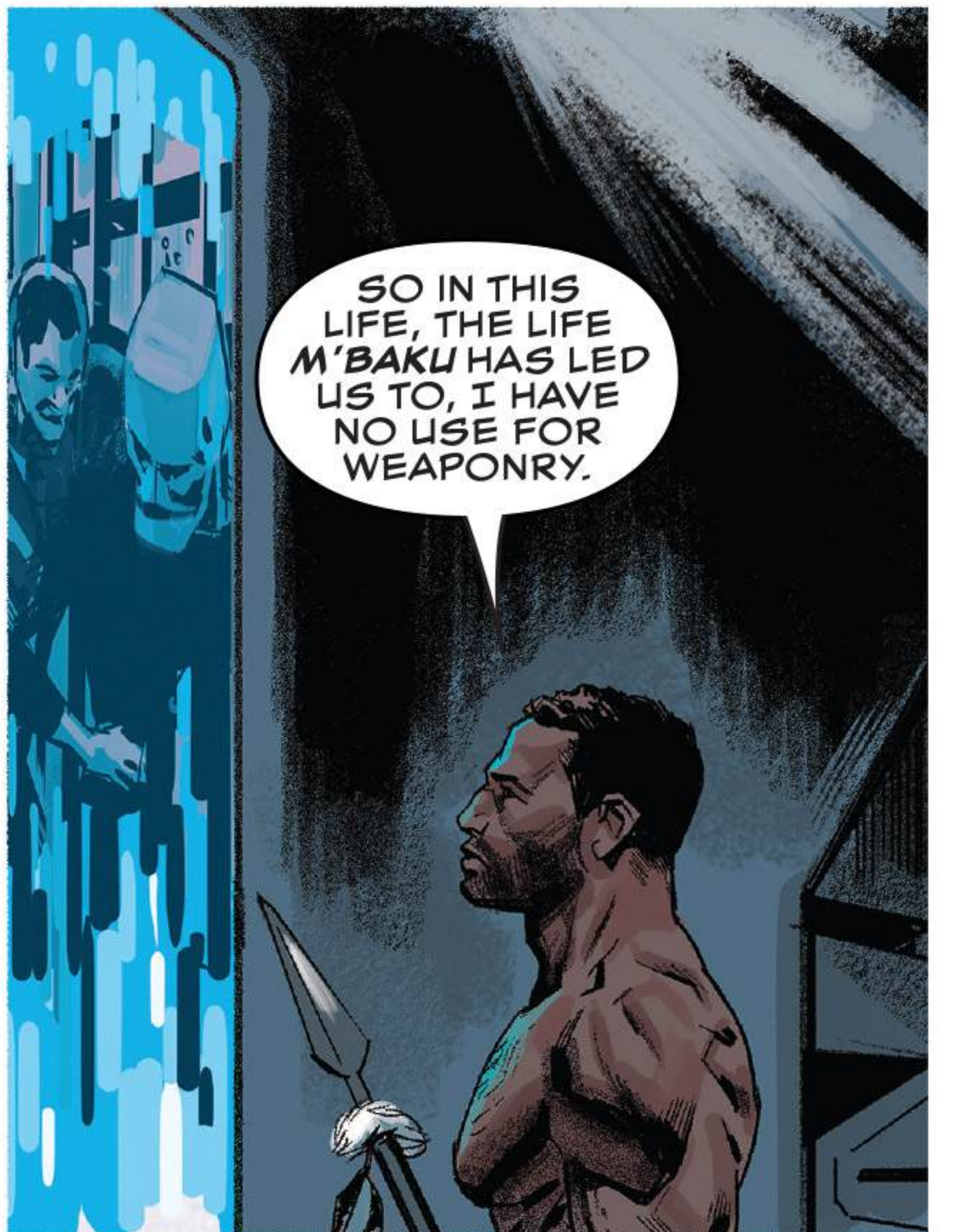


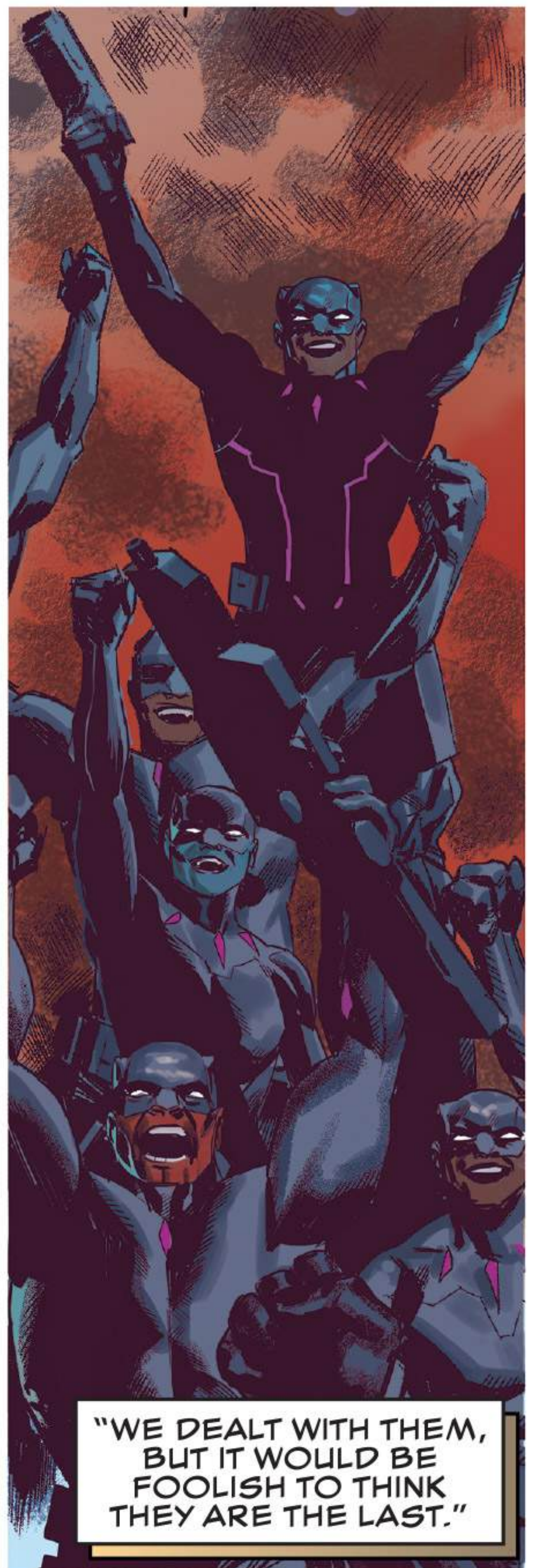
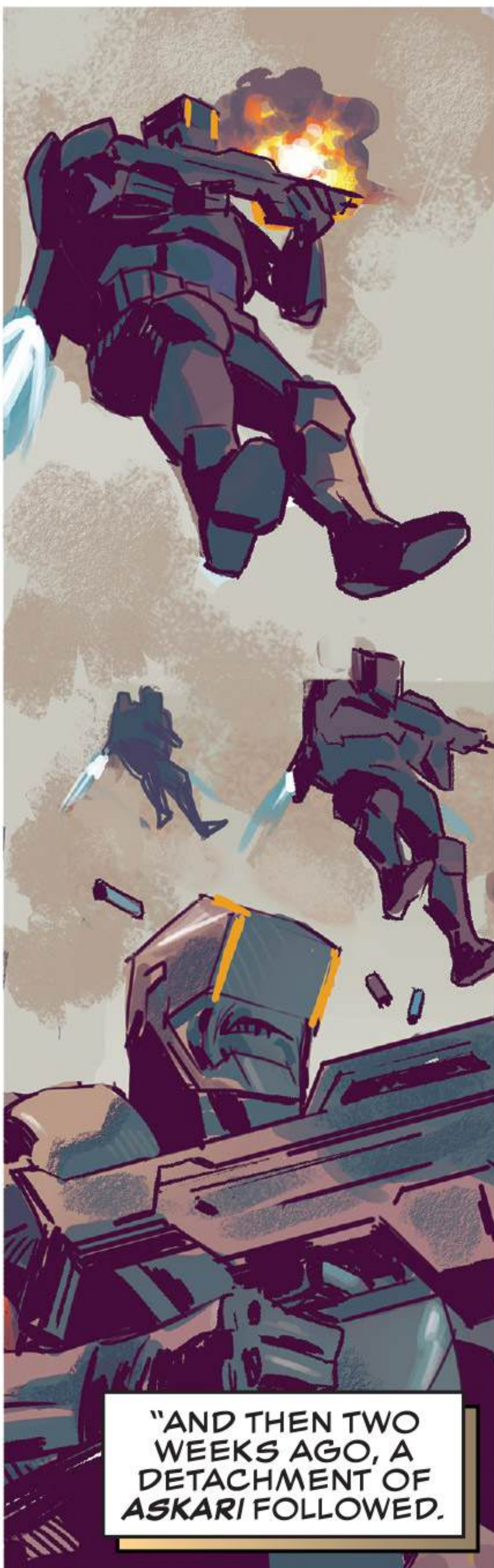
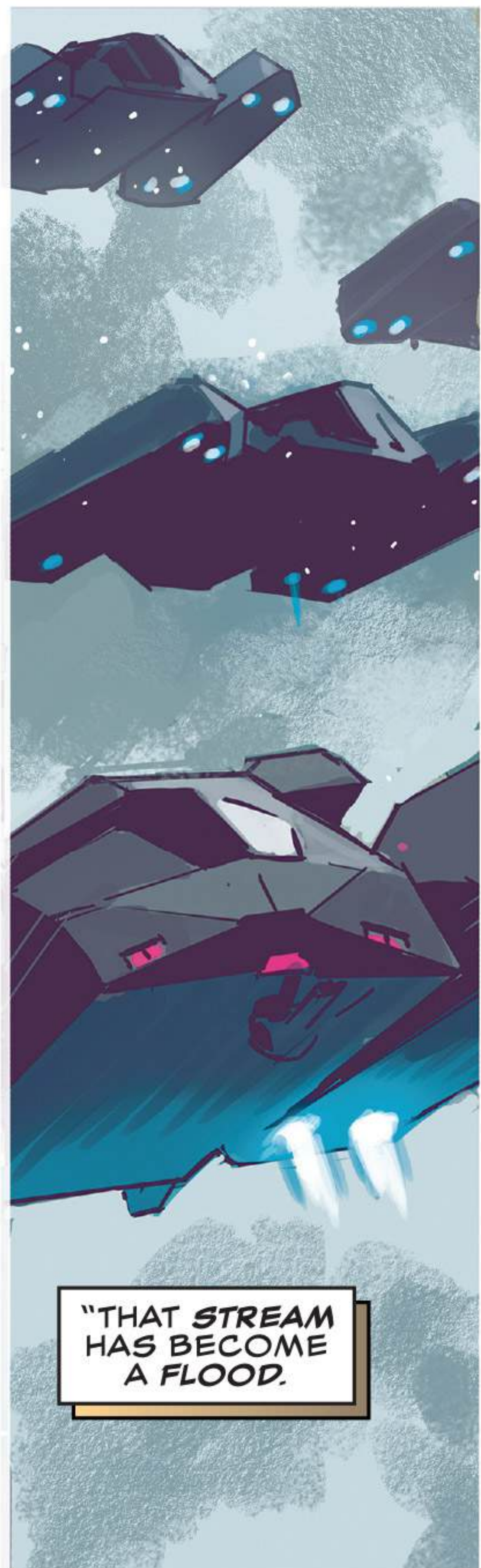
...AND IT
HAS NO
"RIGHTFUL"
OWNER.

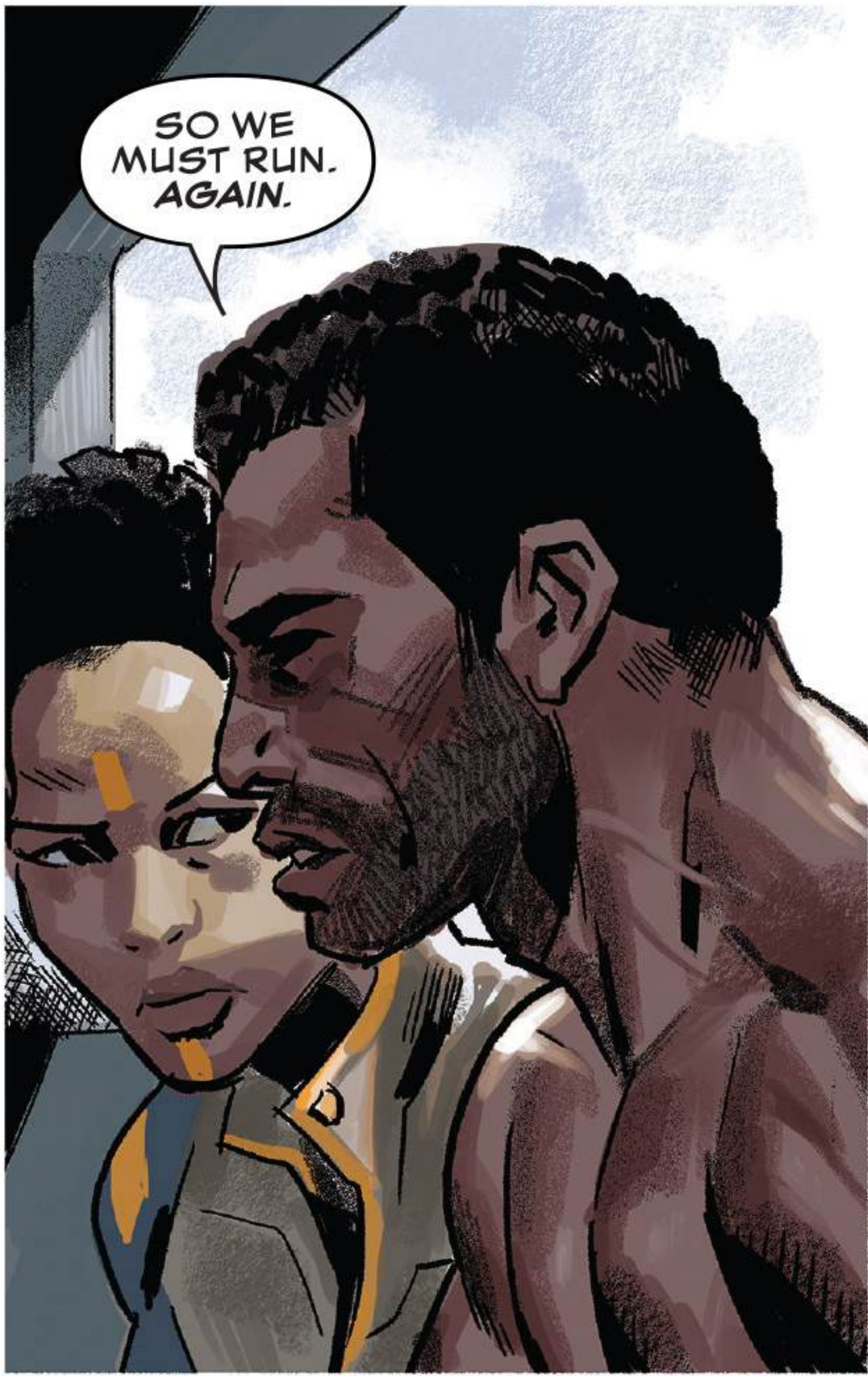


DOESN'T
IT...?

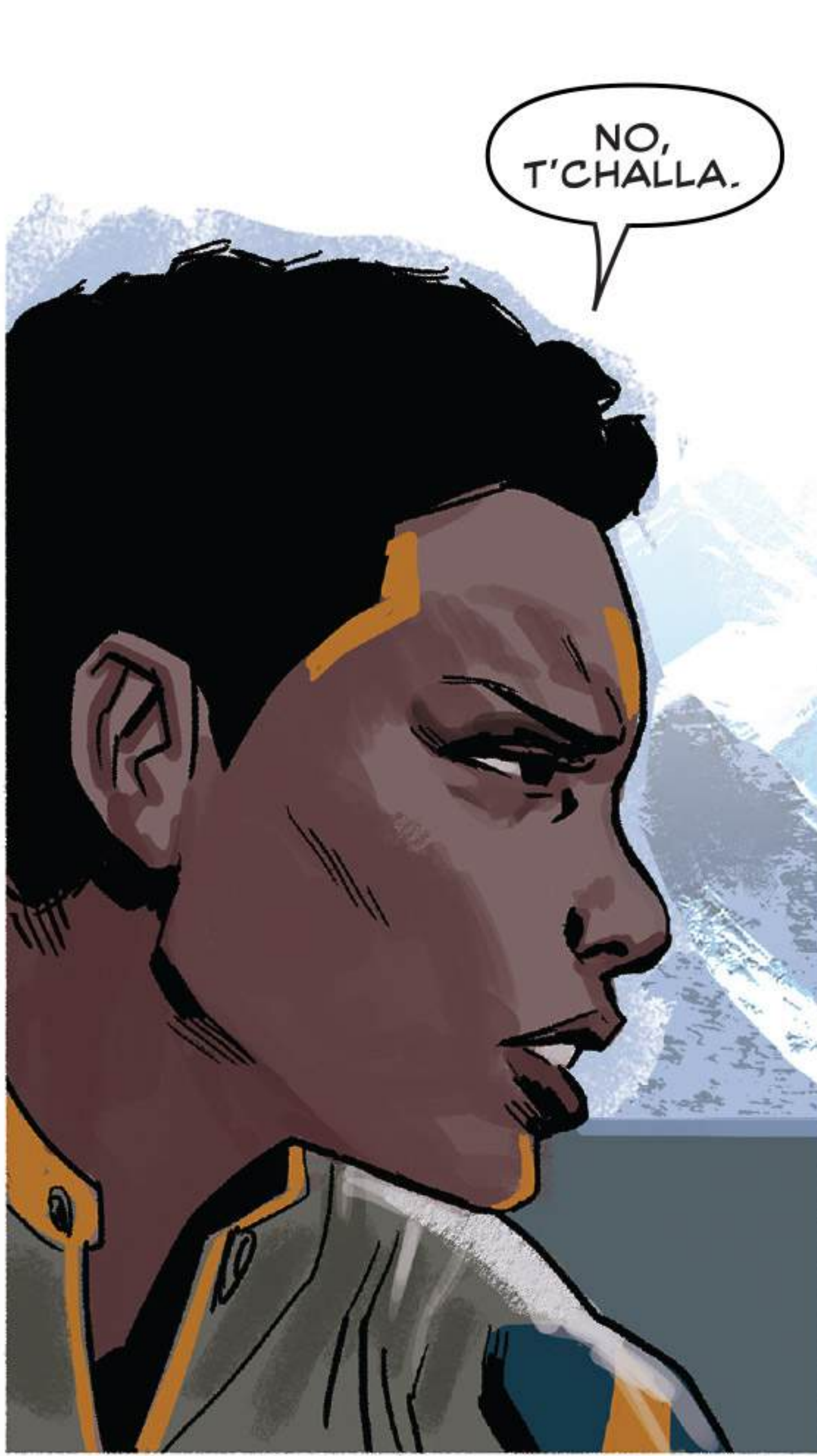




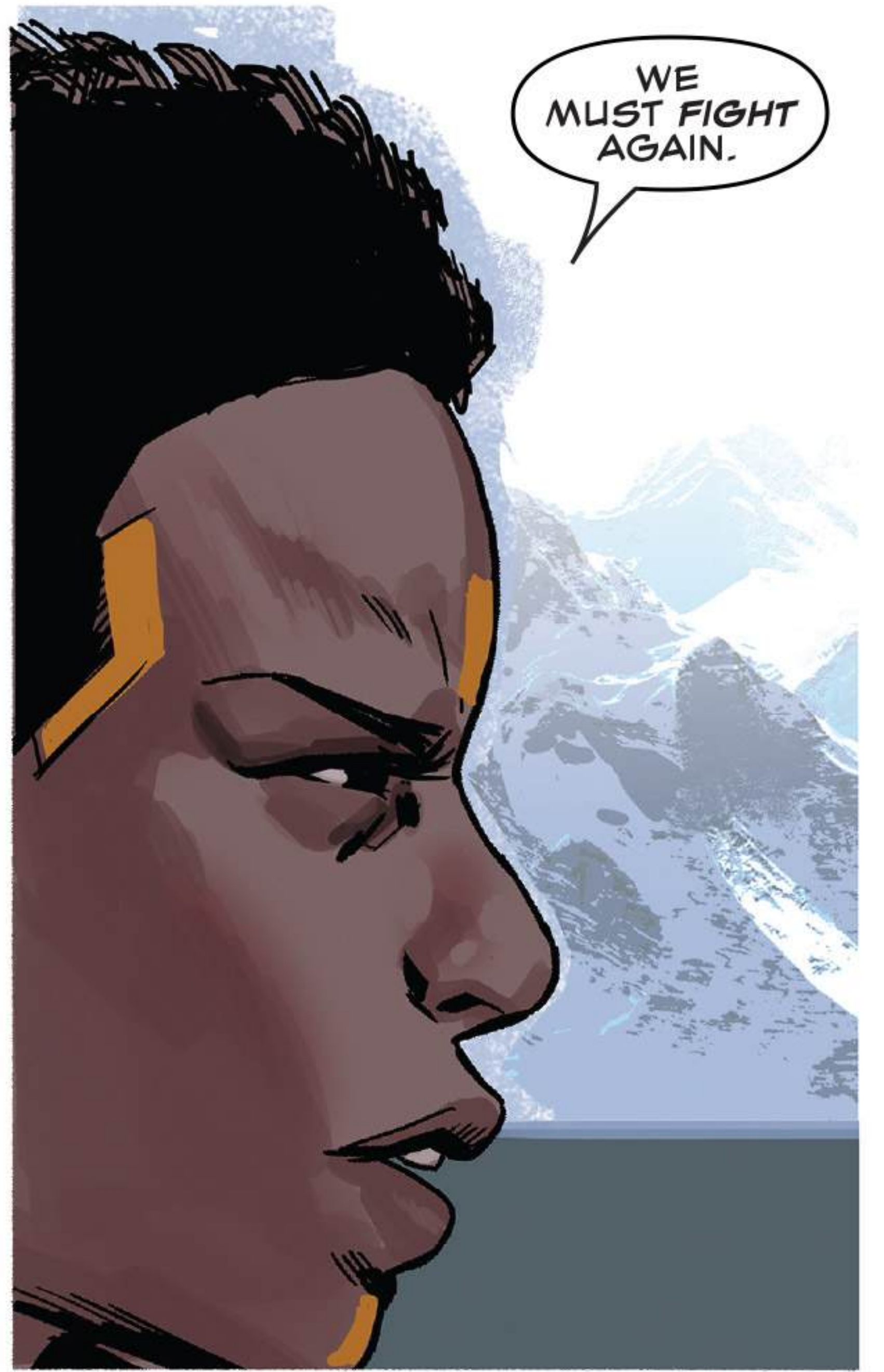




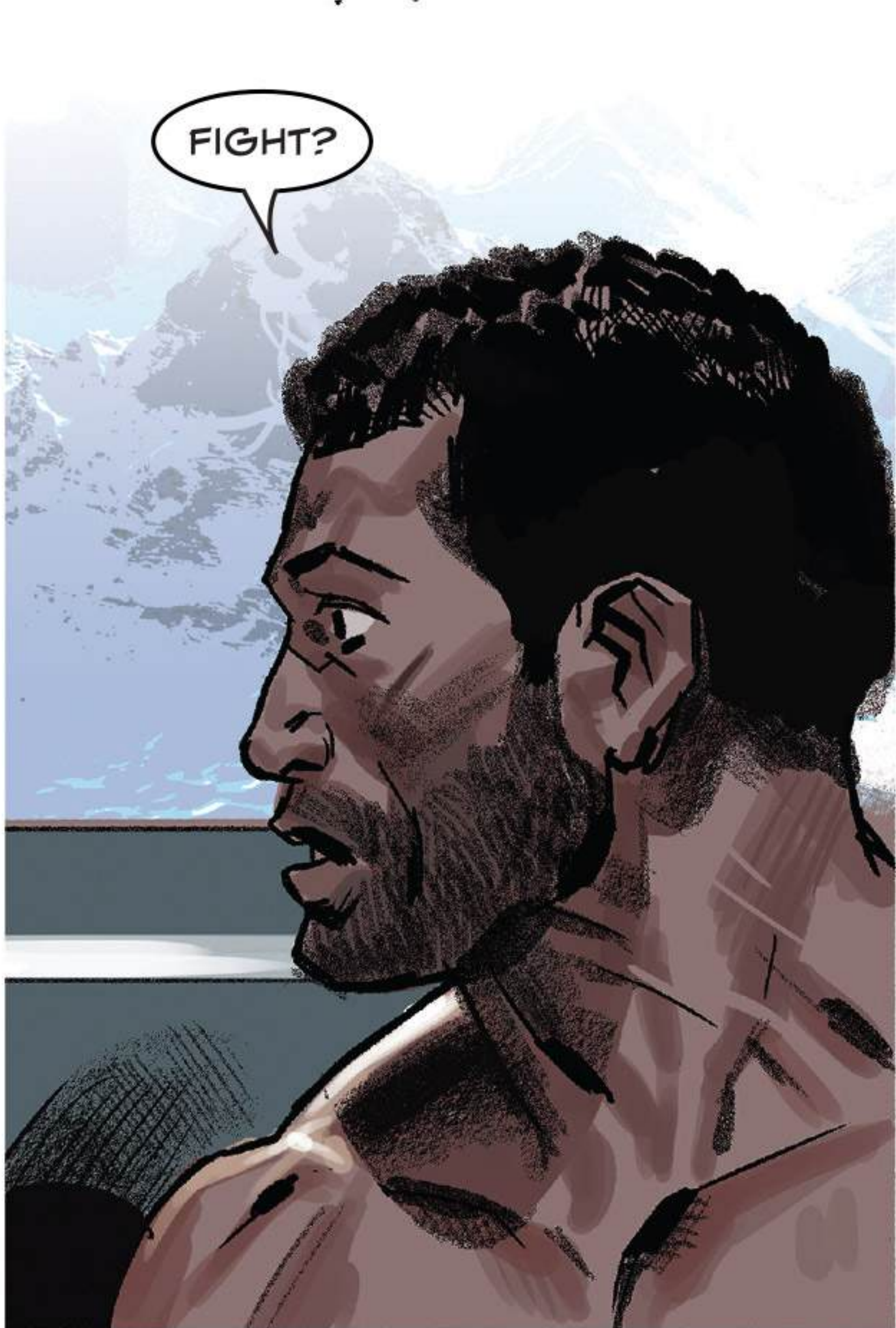
SO WE
MUST RUN.
AGAIN.



NO,
T'CHALLA.



WE
MUST FIGHT
AGAIN.



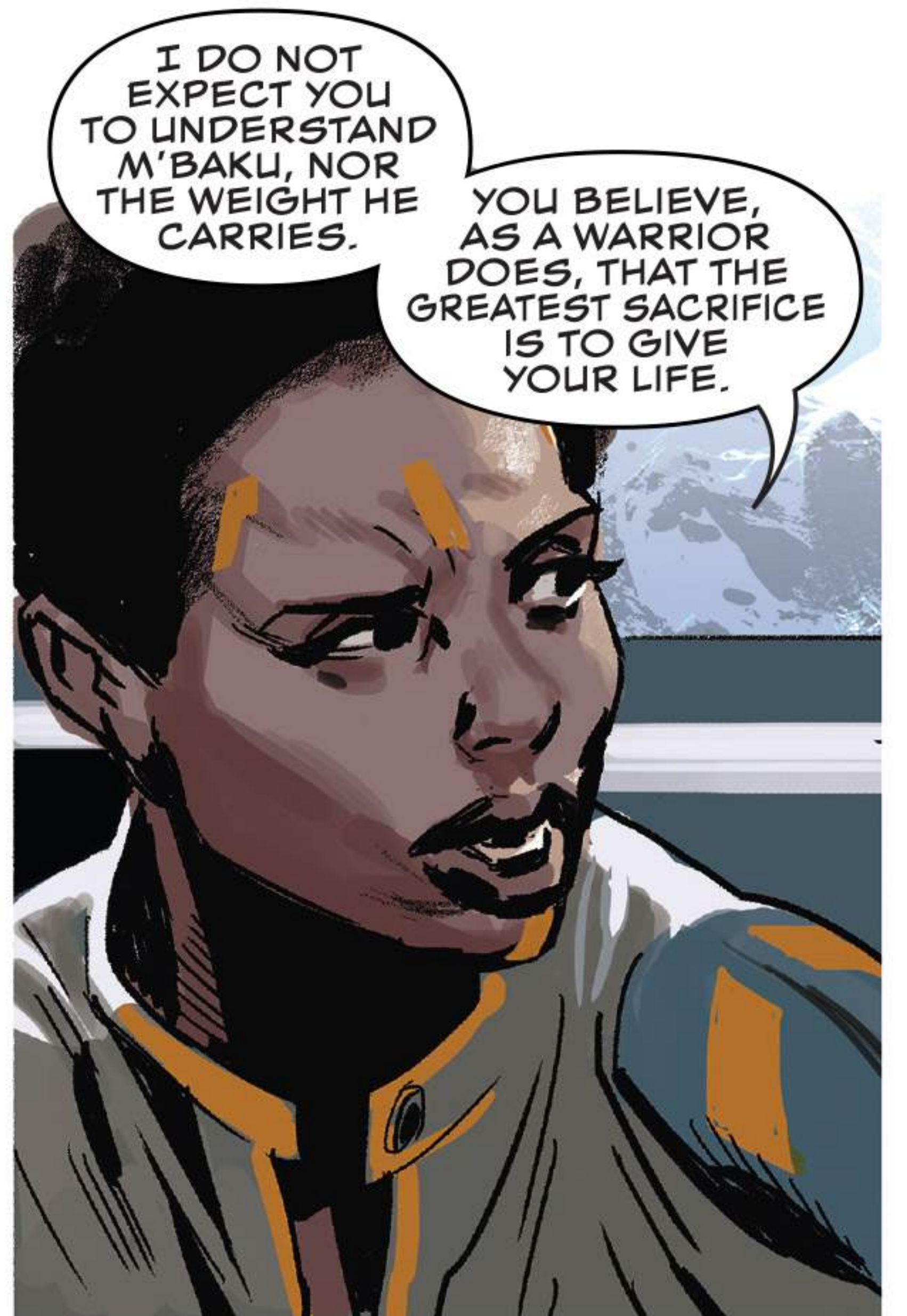
FIGHT?



AFTER
YEARS HIDING
ON THIS FROZEN
ROCK?

AFTER LEAVING
COUNTLESS MEN,
WOMEN AND CHILDREN
TO THE VIBRANIUM
MINES?

NOW
M'BAKU HAS
FOUND HIS
HEART?



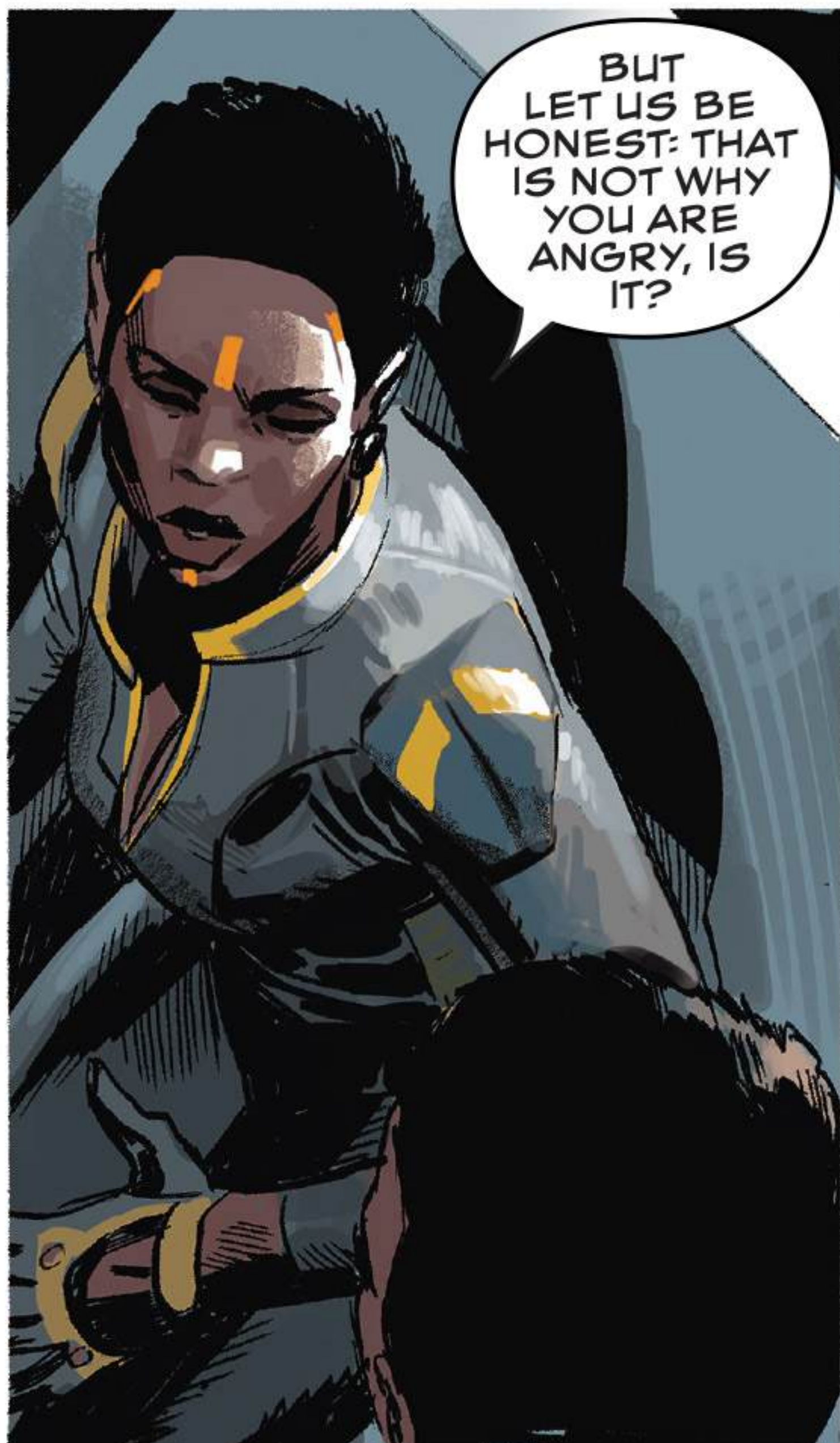
I DO NOT
EXPECT YOU
TO UNDERSTAND
M'BAKU, NOR
THE WEIGHT HE
CARRIES.

YOU BELIEVE,
AS A WARRIOR
DOES, THAT THE
GREATEST SACRIFICE
IS TO GIVE
YOUR LIFE.



YOU KNOW
NOTHING OF
THE SACRIFICES
OF **GENERALS**, OF
THOSE WHO
ORDER MEN TO
GIVE THEIR
LIVES...

...AND THEN
MUST LIVE WITH
THAT WEIGHT.



BUT
LET US BE
HONEST: THAT
IS NOT WHY
YOU ARE
ANGRY, IS
IT?



AND
M'BAKU IS
NOT THE ONLY
ONE WHO IS
RUNNING, IS
HE?

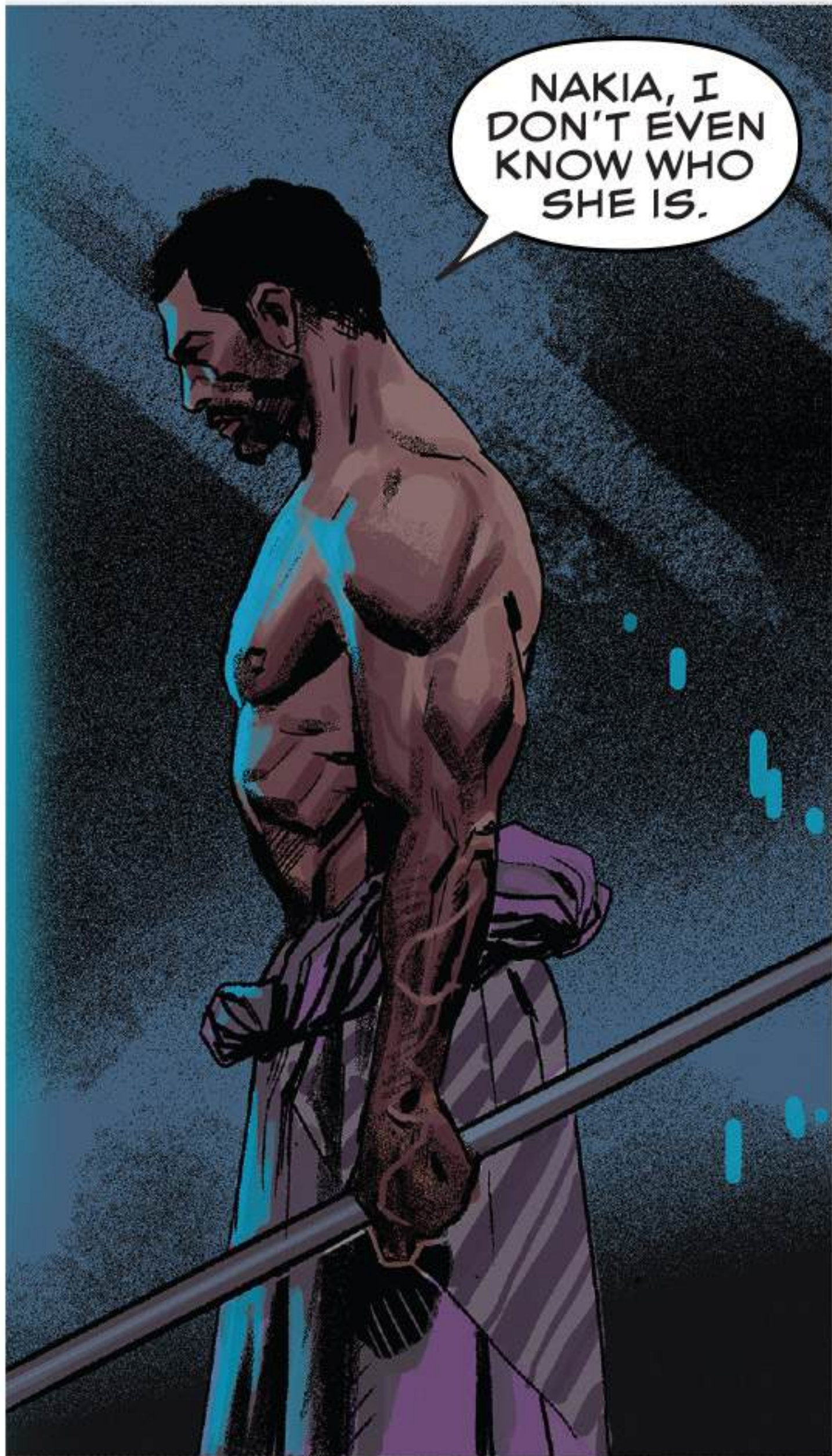


YOU NEVER CAME TO SEE ME.

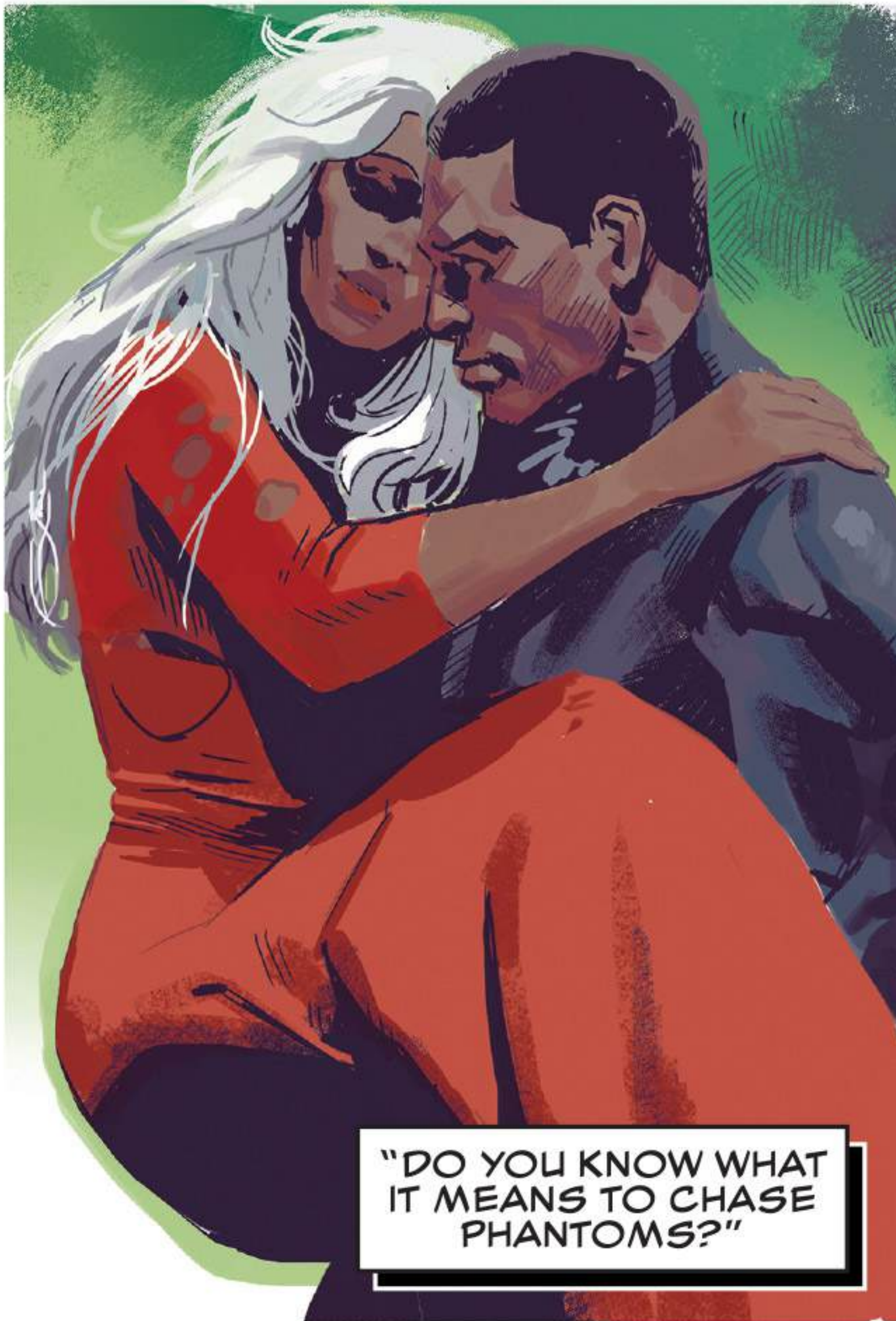
WE BOTH KNOW WHY, T'CHALLA.



YOU ONLY HAD EYES FOR HER.



NAKIA, I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO SHE IS.



"DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO CHASE PHANTOMS?"



DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT IS TO BE HAUNTED?



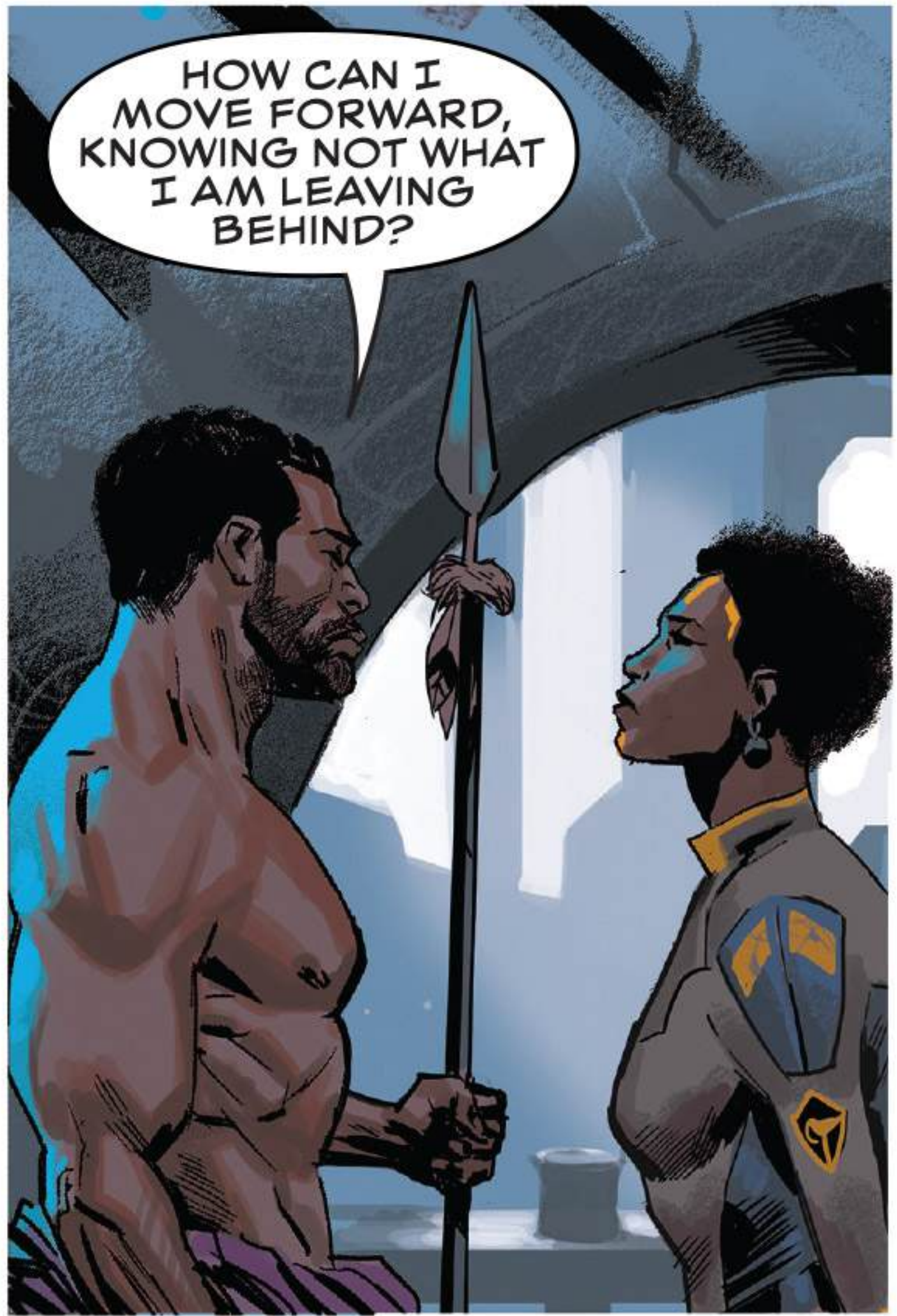
THE EMPIRE DOESN'T JUST STEAL OUR PAST, THEY STEAL OUR FUTURES.

HOW CAN WE MOVE FORWARD WHEN WE DO NOT KNOW OUR NAMES? WHO WE ARE? WHO WE LOVE?

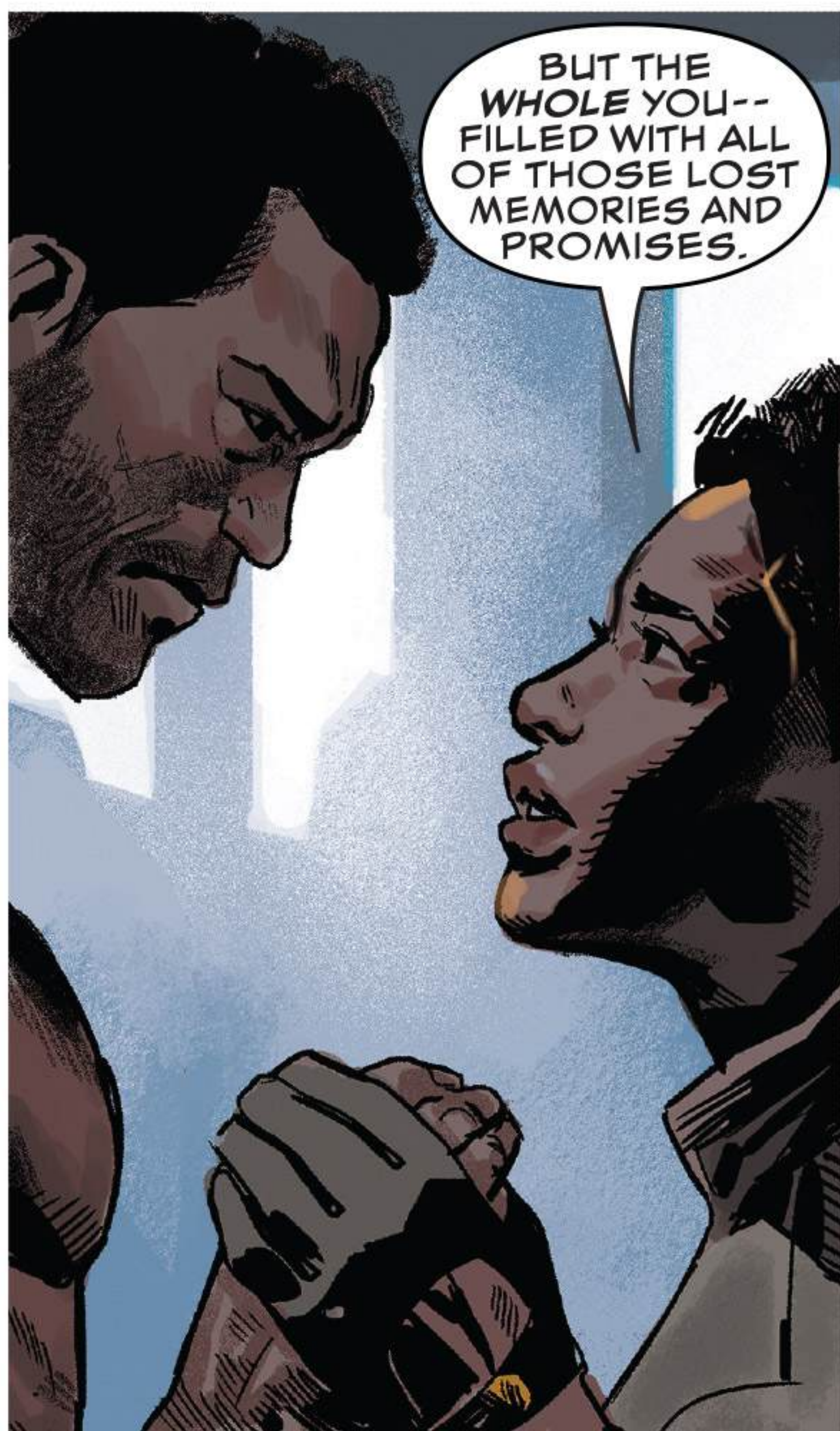
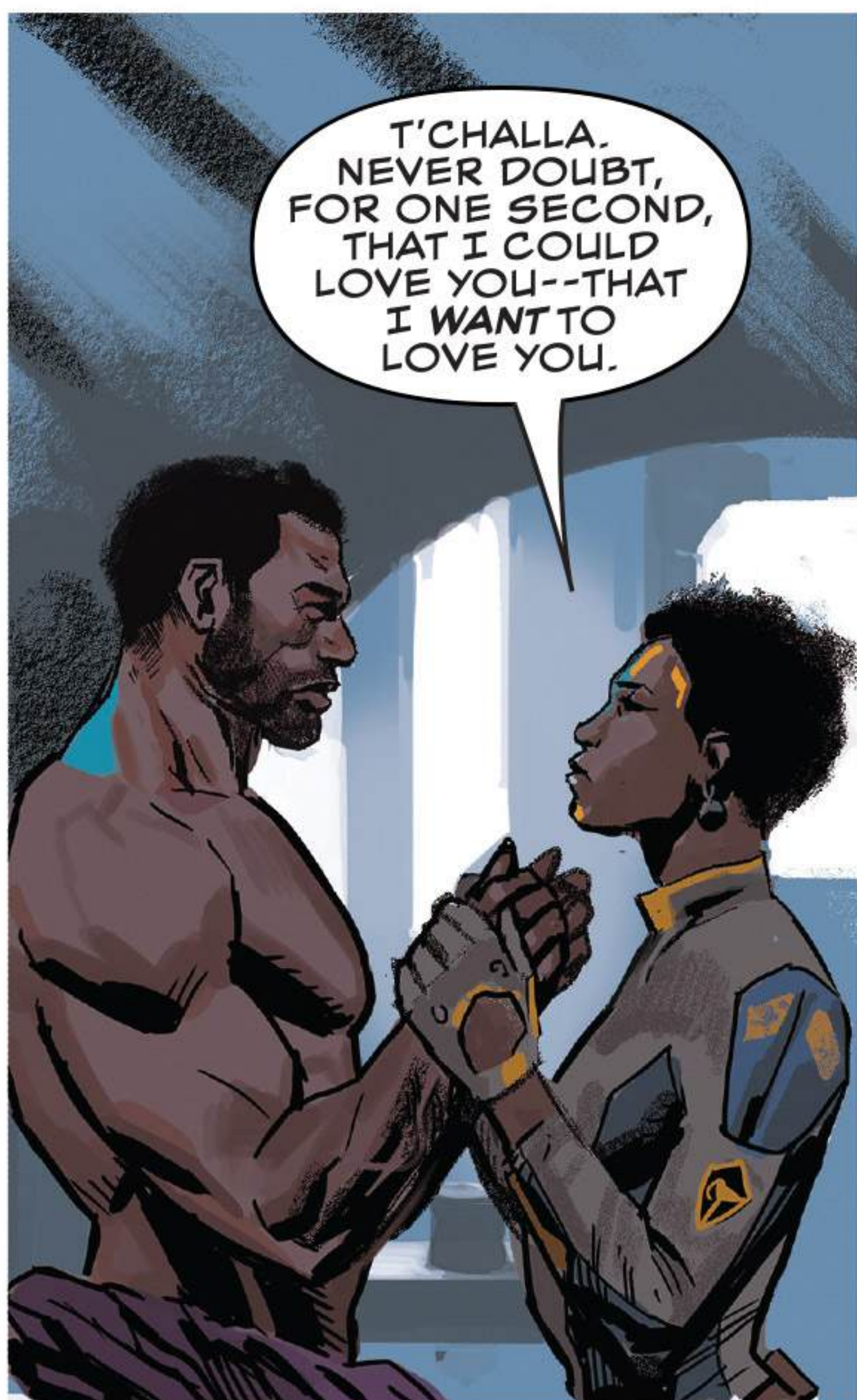
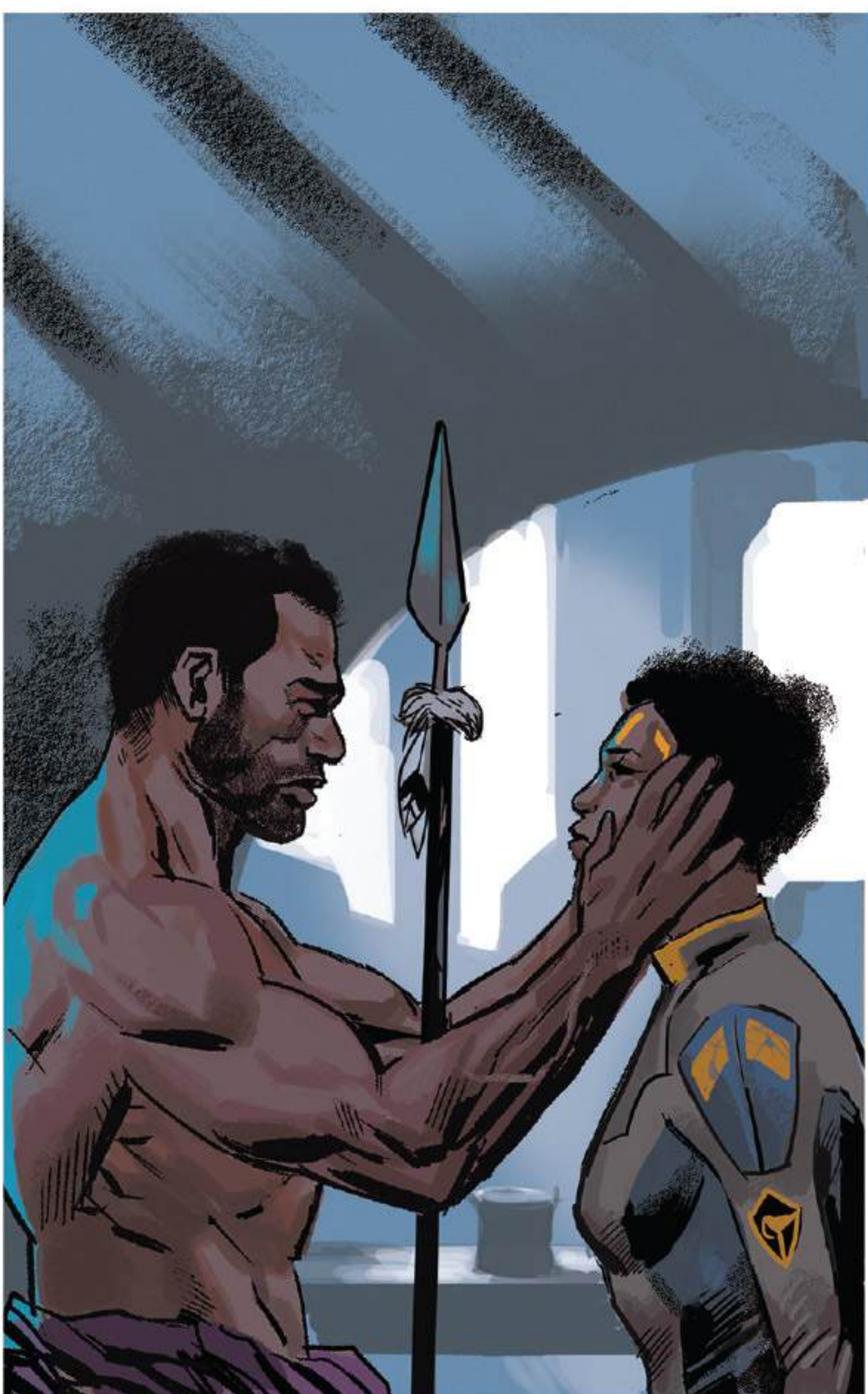
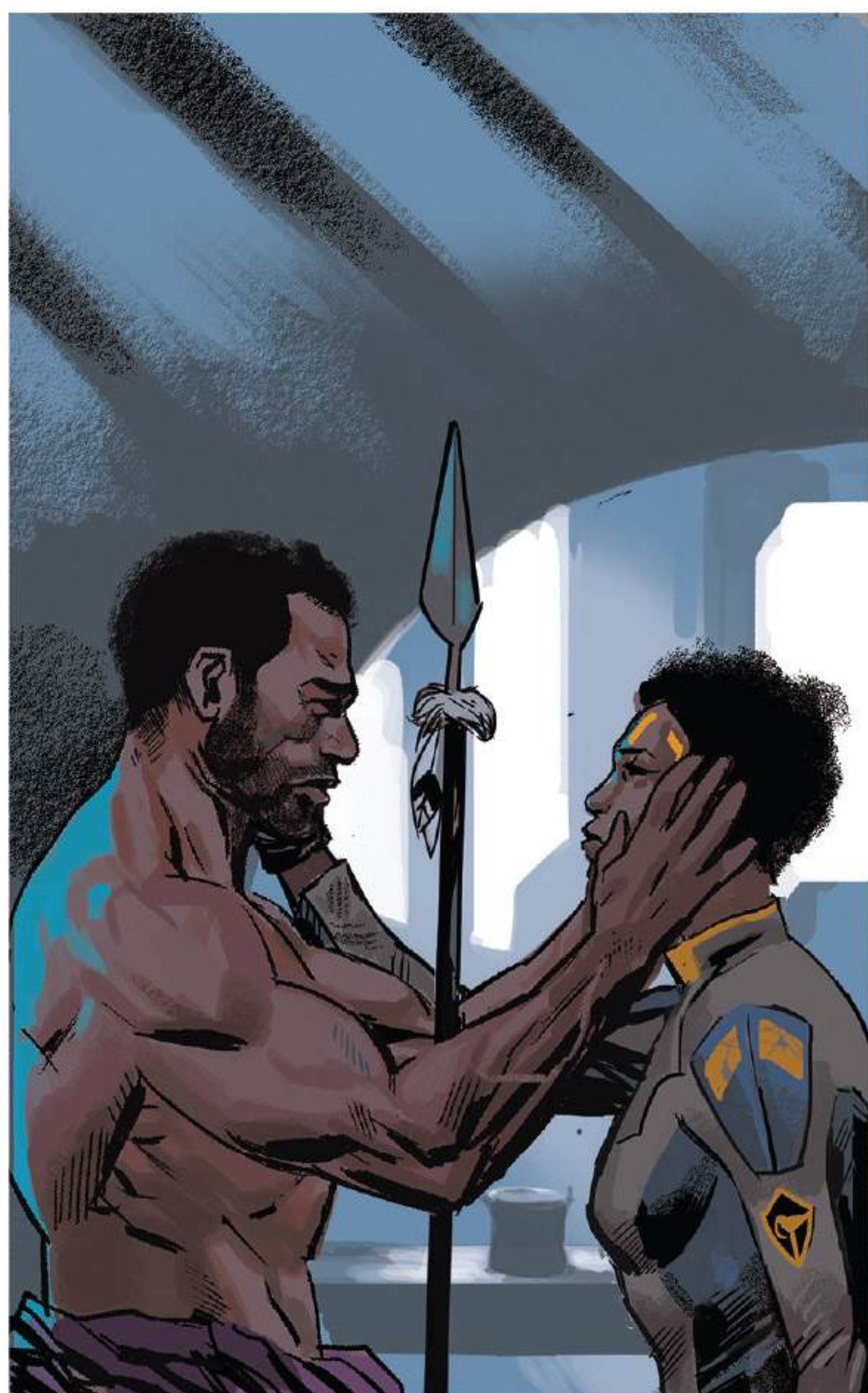


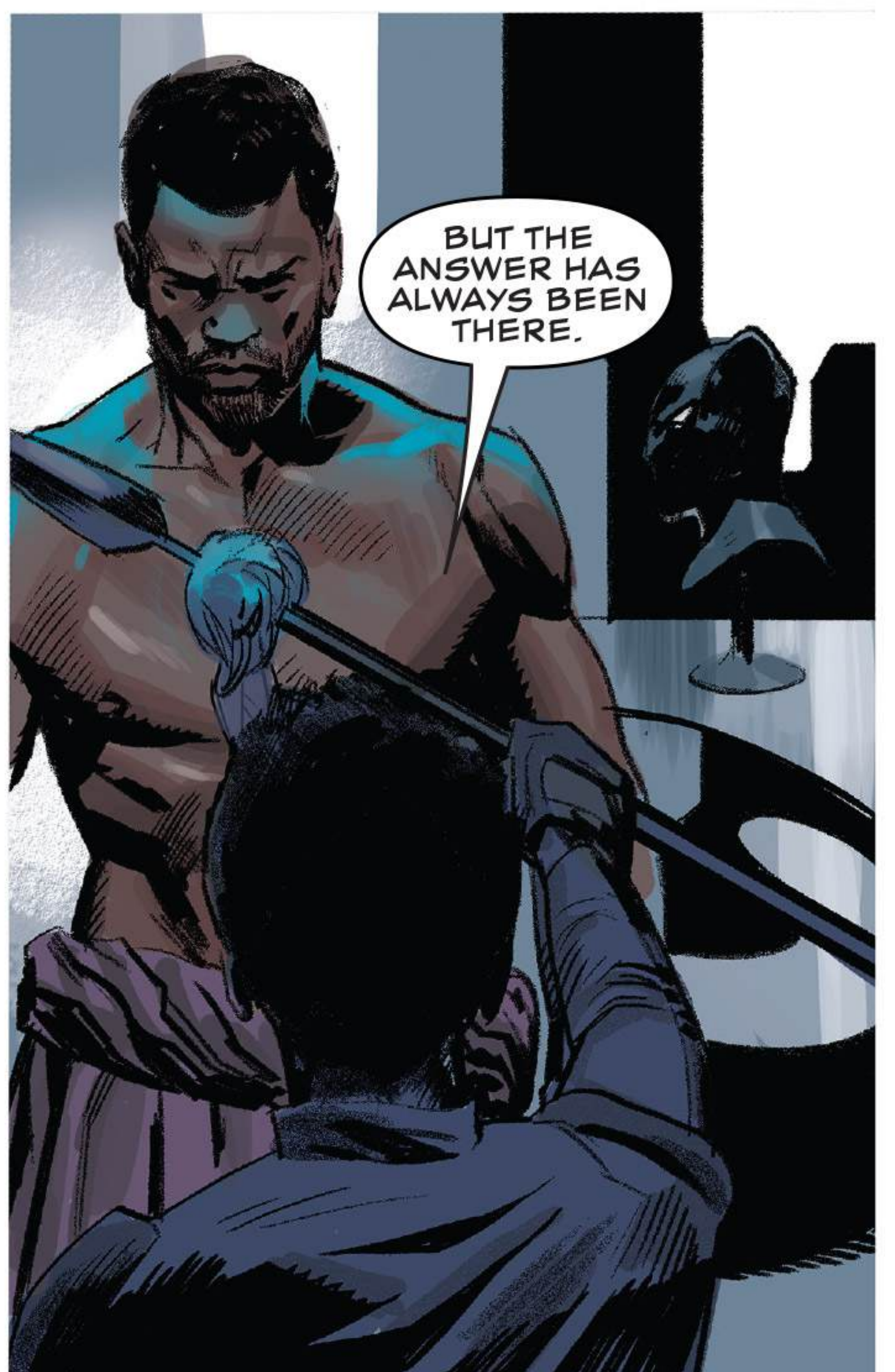
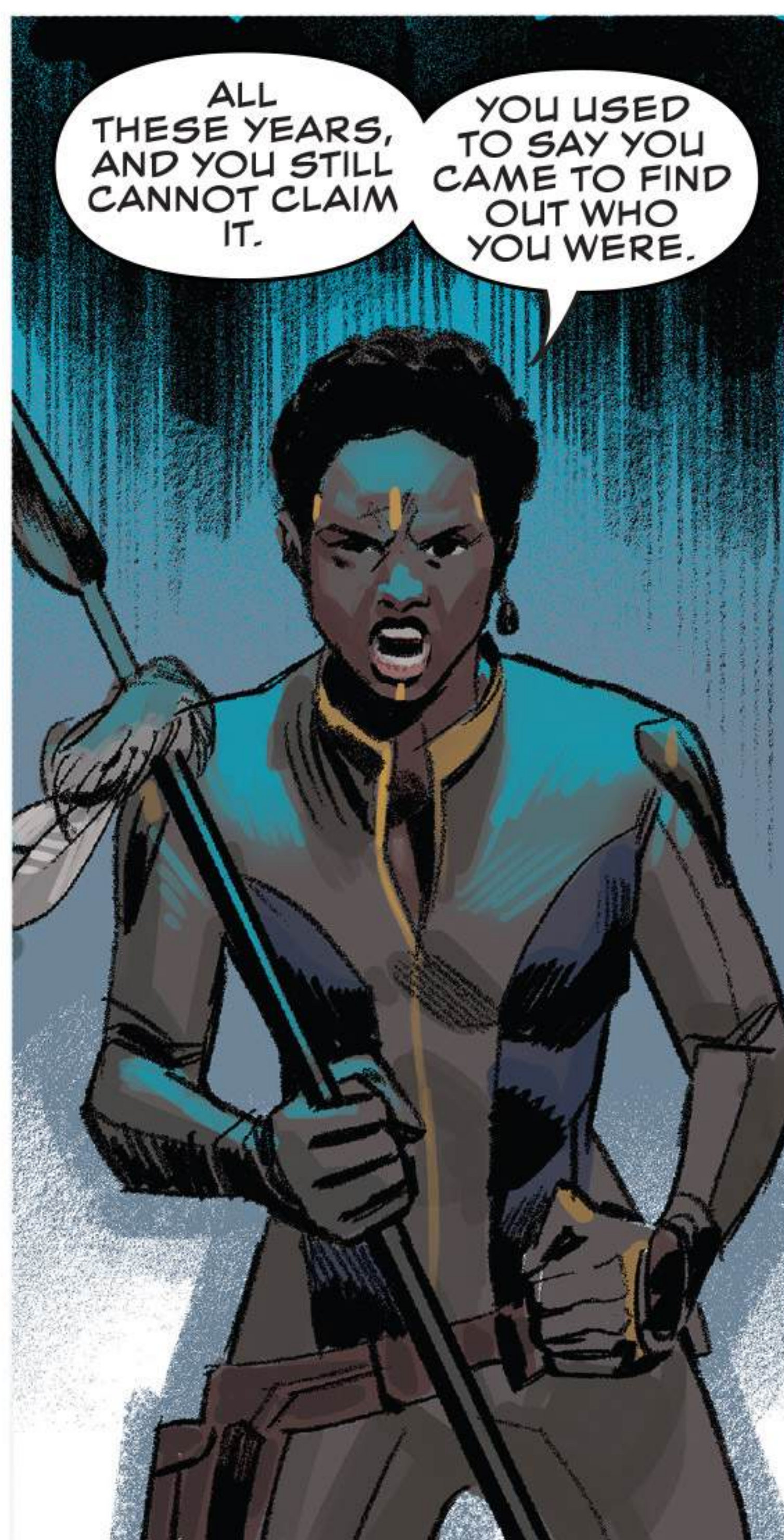
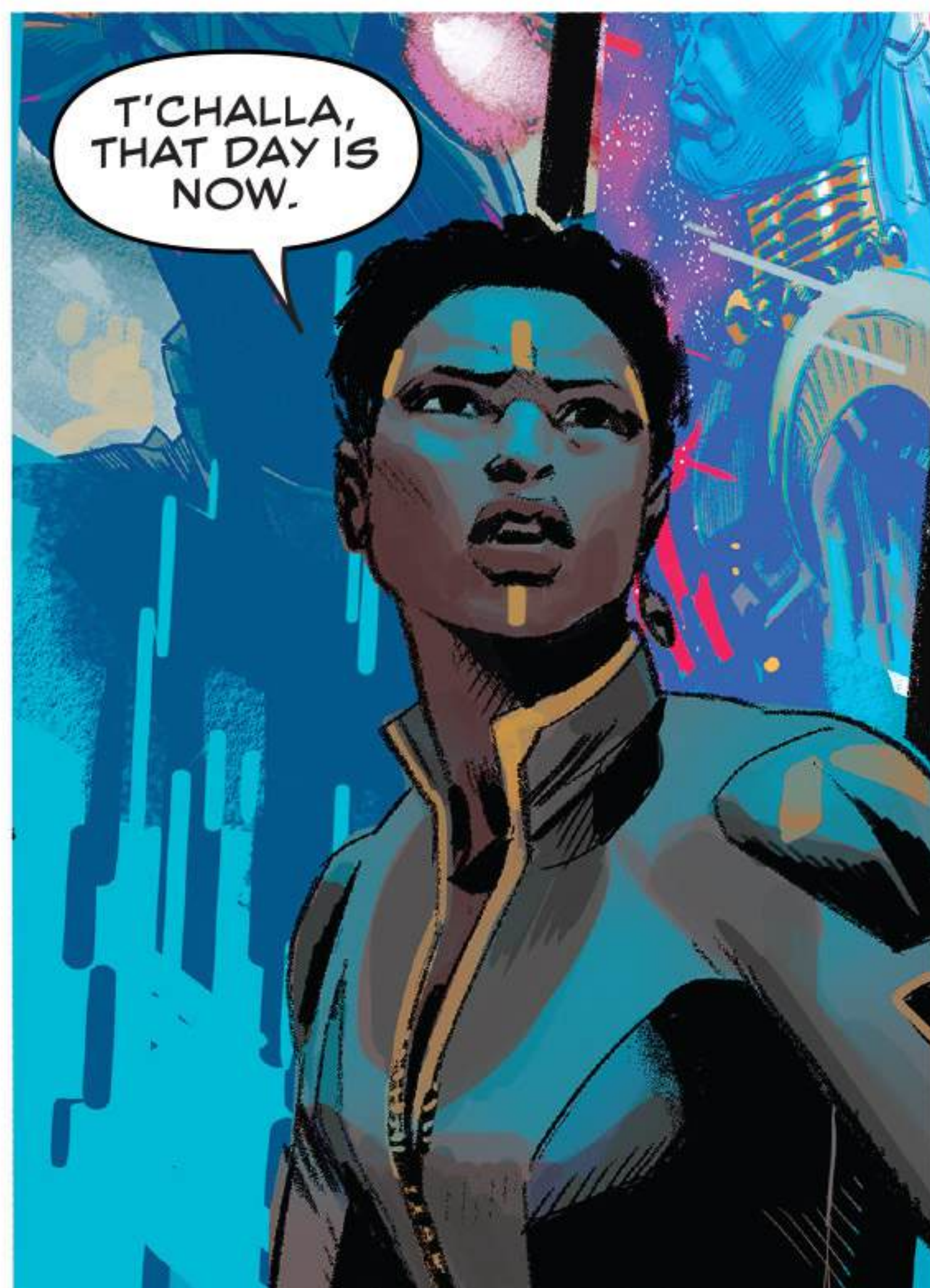
EVEN AS I HAVE ESCAPED, I AM CAPTURED, HELD FAST BY THESE QUESTIONS.

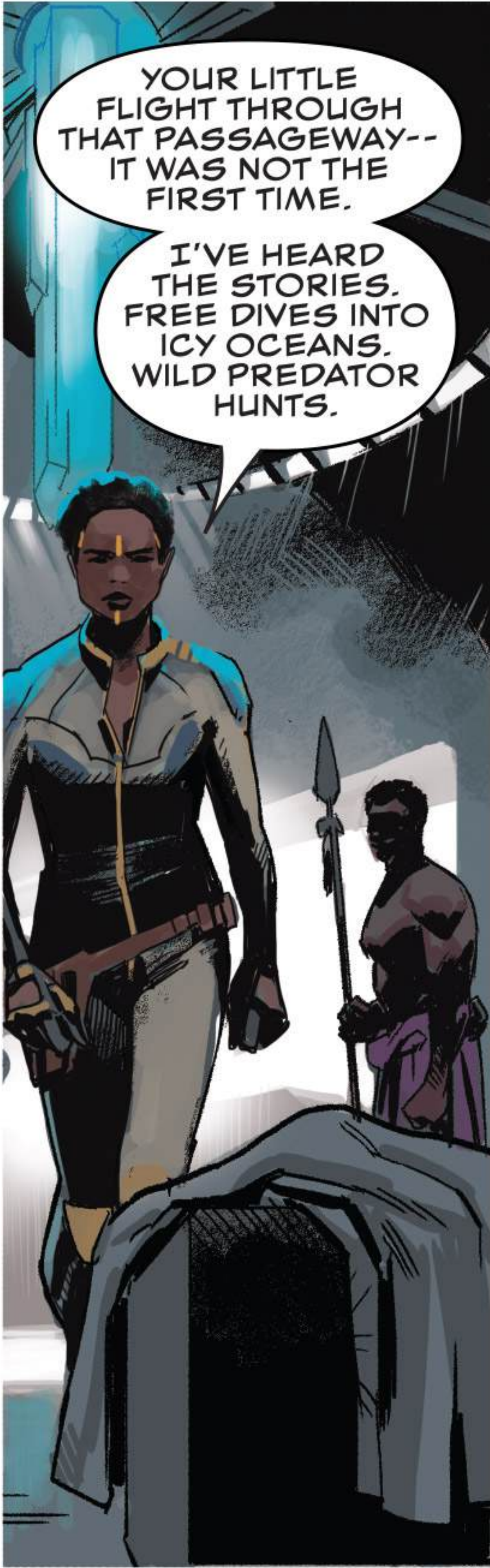
WHO AM I? WHAT PROMISES HAVE I MADE? AND TO WHOM?

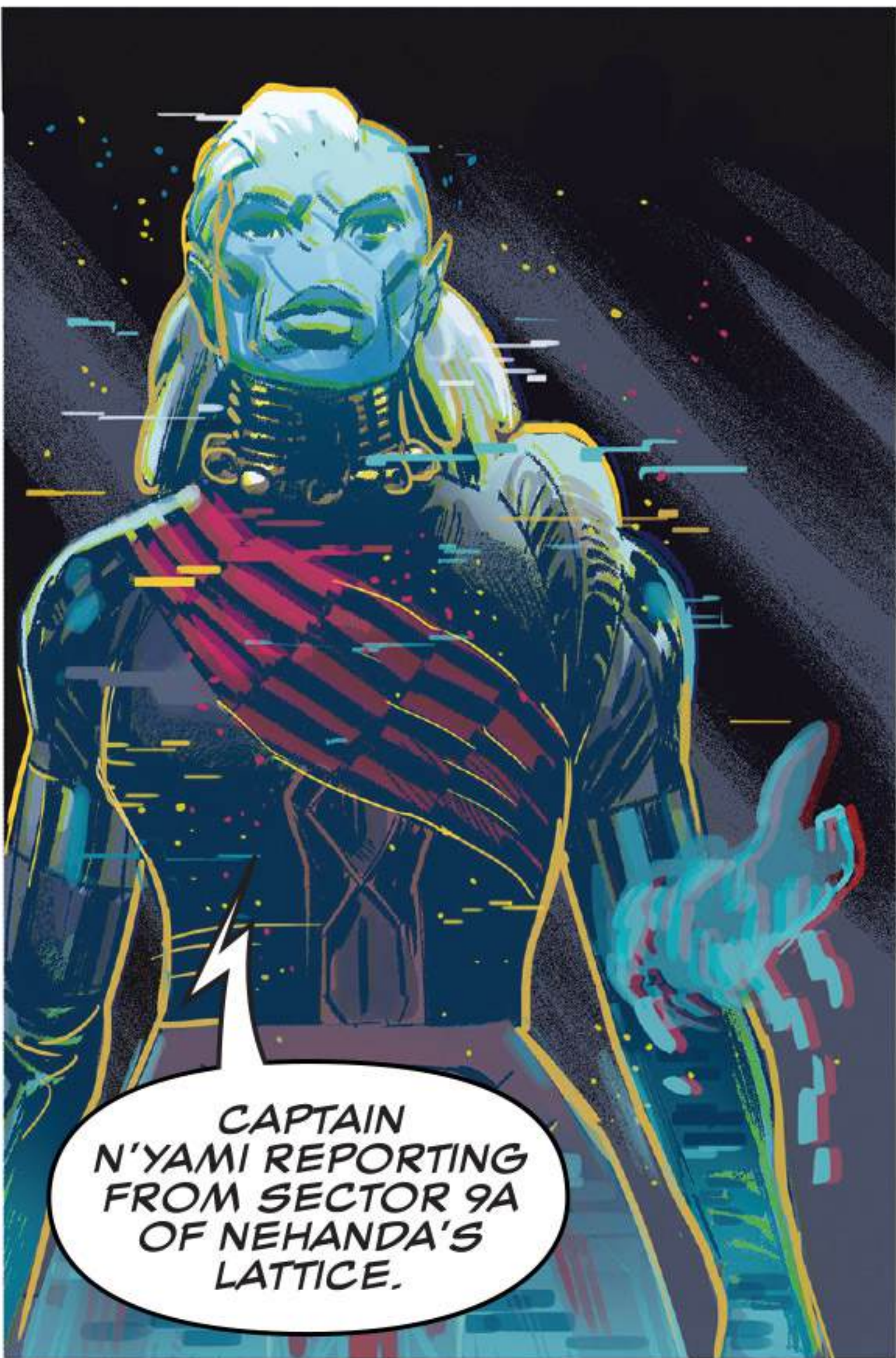


HOW CAN I MOVE FORWARD, KNOWING NOT WHAT I AM LEAVING BEHIND?

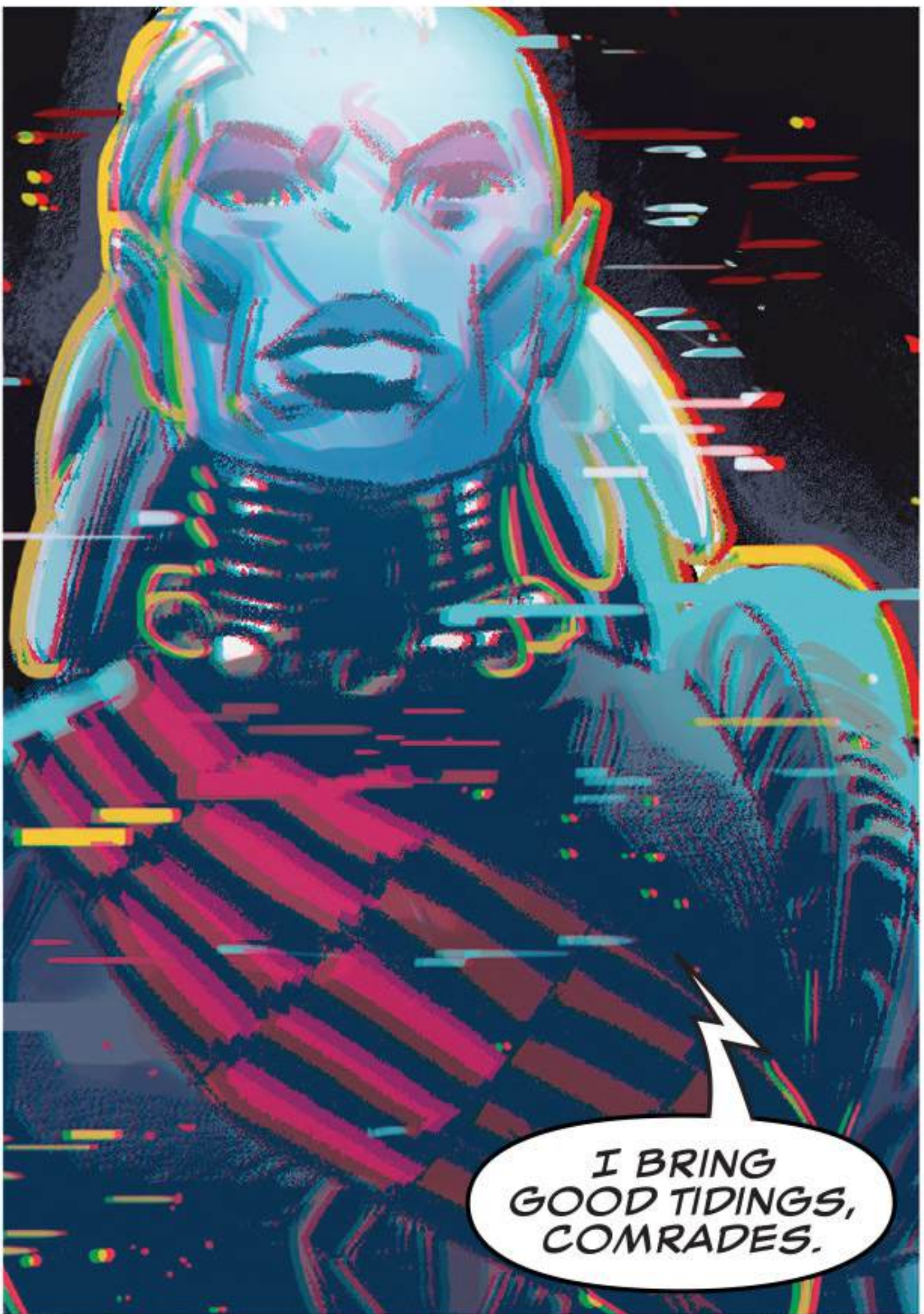




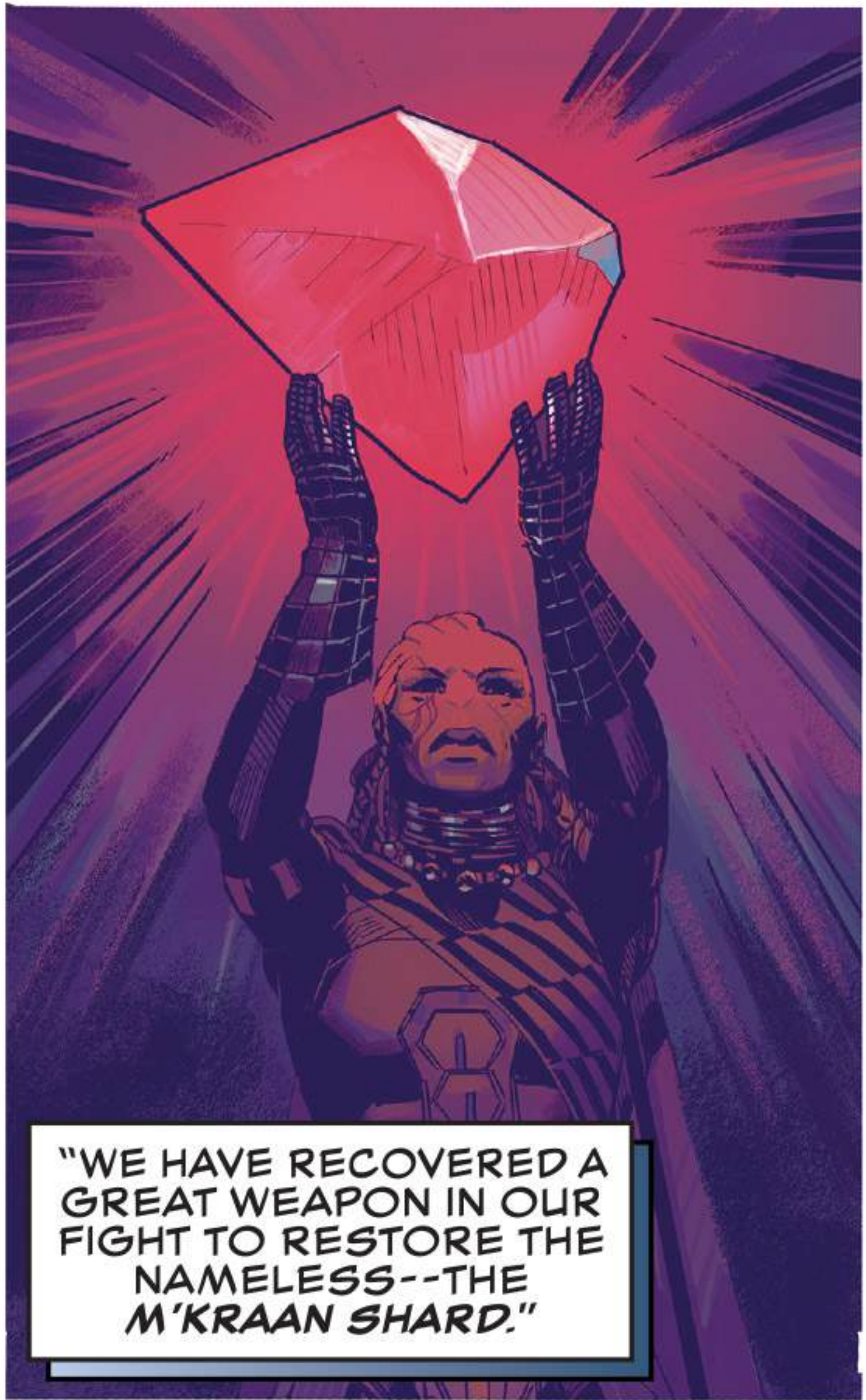




CAPTAIN
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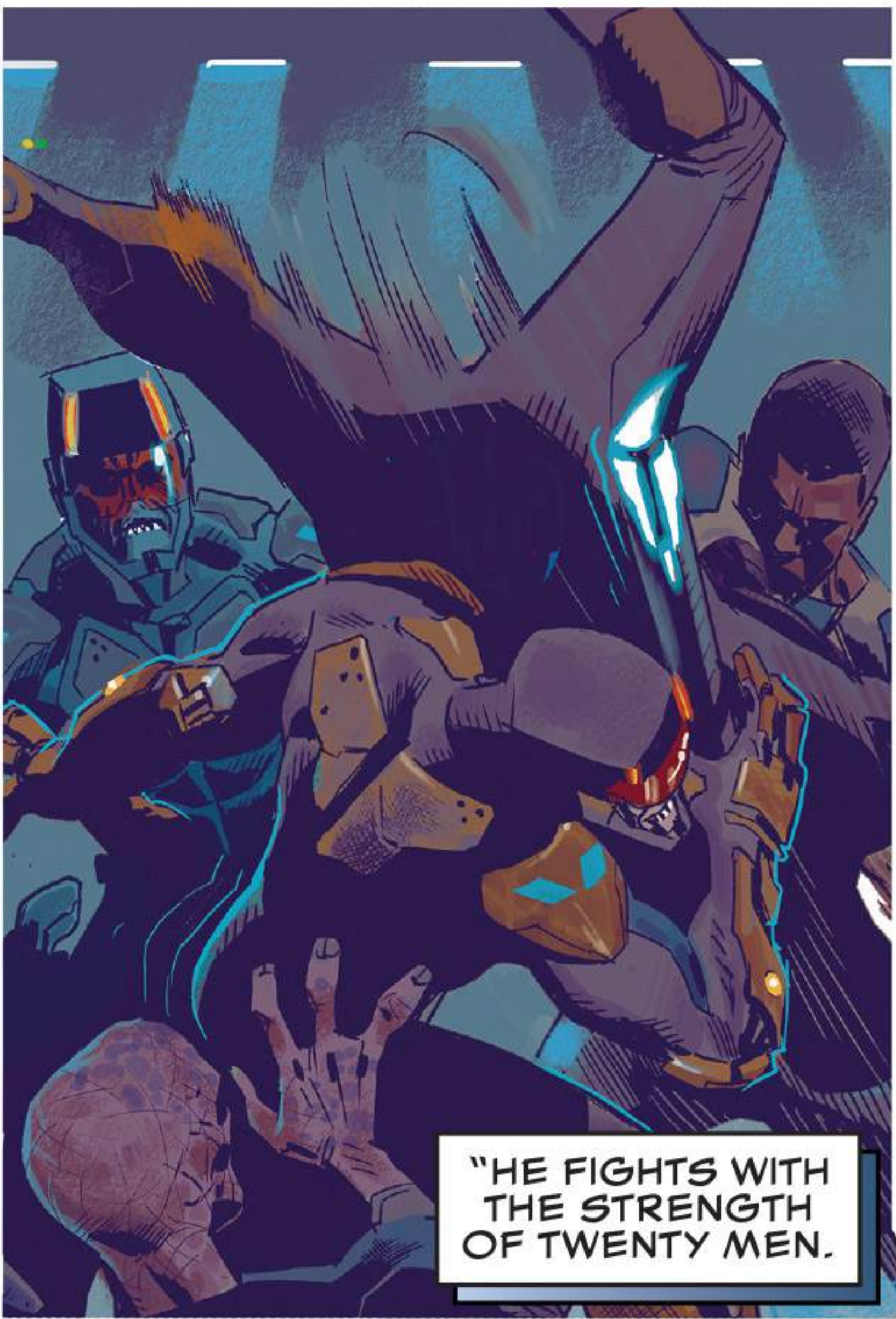
I BRING
GOOD TIDINGS,
COMRADES.



"WE HAVE RECOVERED A
GREAT WEAPON IN OUR
FIGHT TO RESTORE THE
NAMELESS--THE
M'KRAAN SHARD."



BUT MORE
IMPORTANT THAN
THAT, I AM CONVINCED
NOW THAT WE HAVE
FOUND THE CHAMPION
WHOM N'JADAKA
SO FEARS.

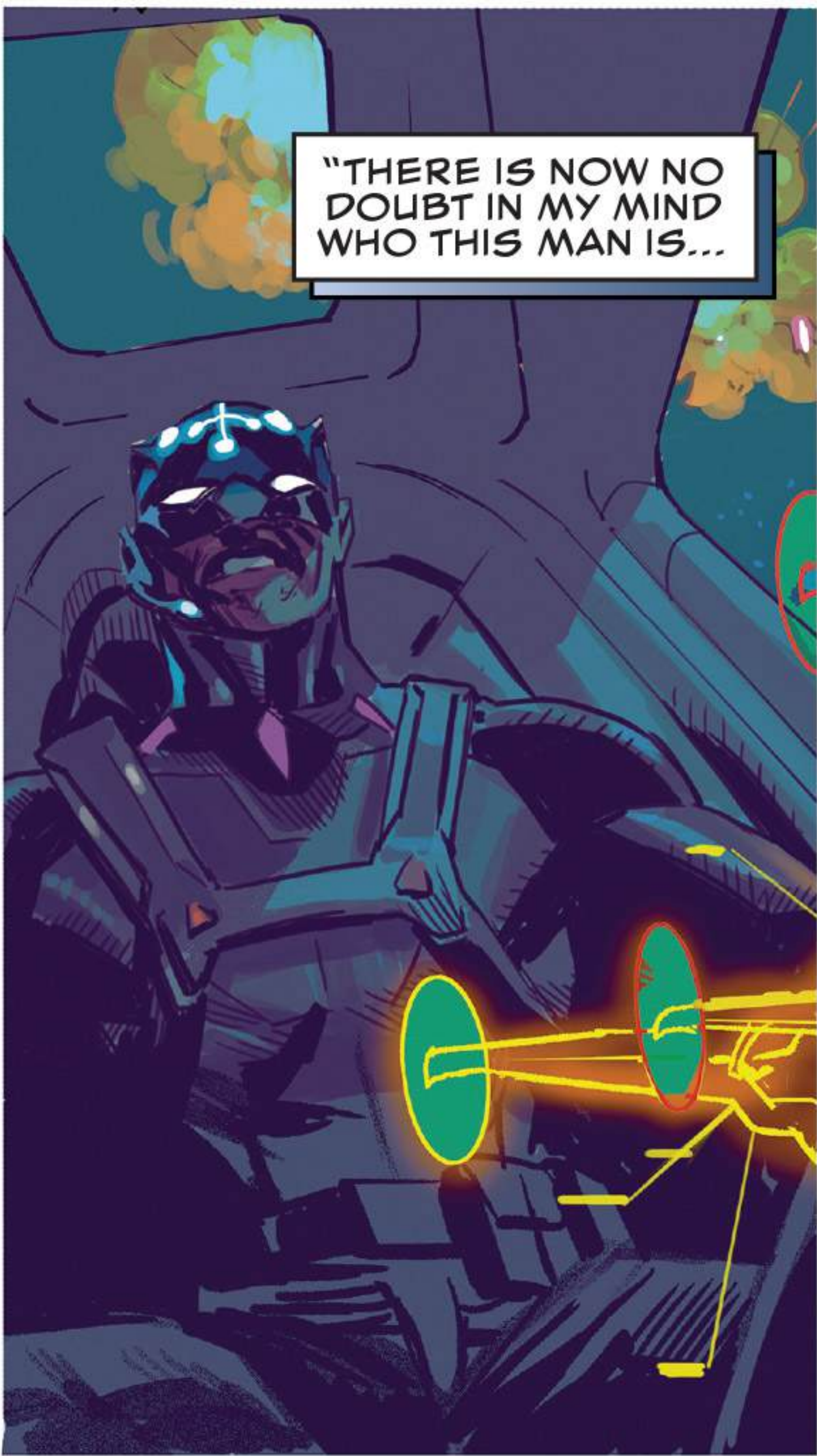


"HE FIGHTS WITH
THE STRENGTH
OF TWENTY MEN."



"AND IS HAUNTED BY
DREAMS OF A WOMAN
WHOM I BELIEVE TO BE
THE HADARI YAO.*"

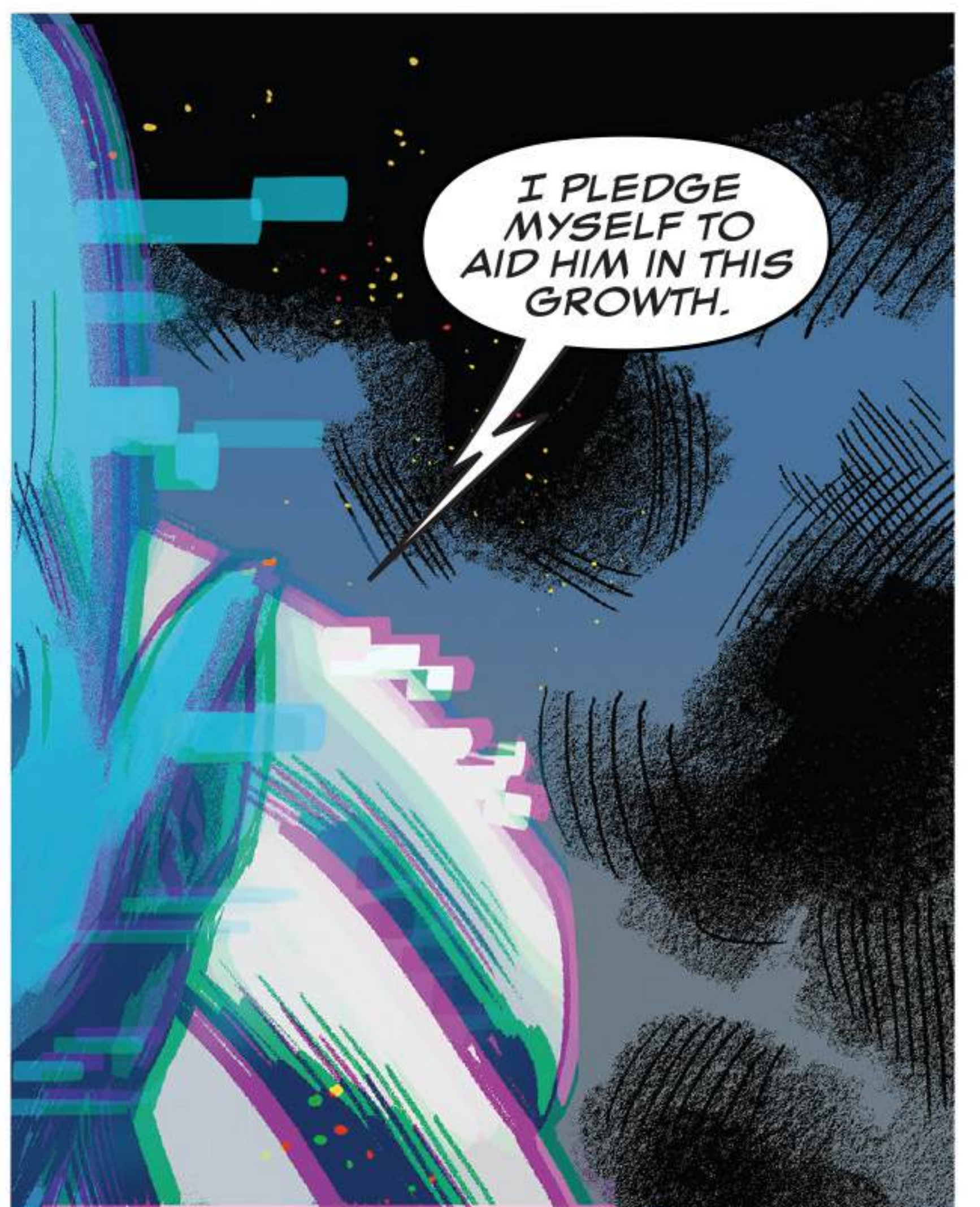
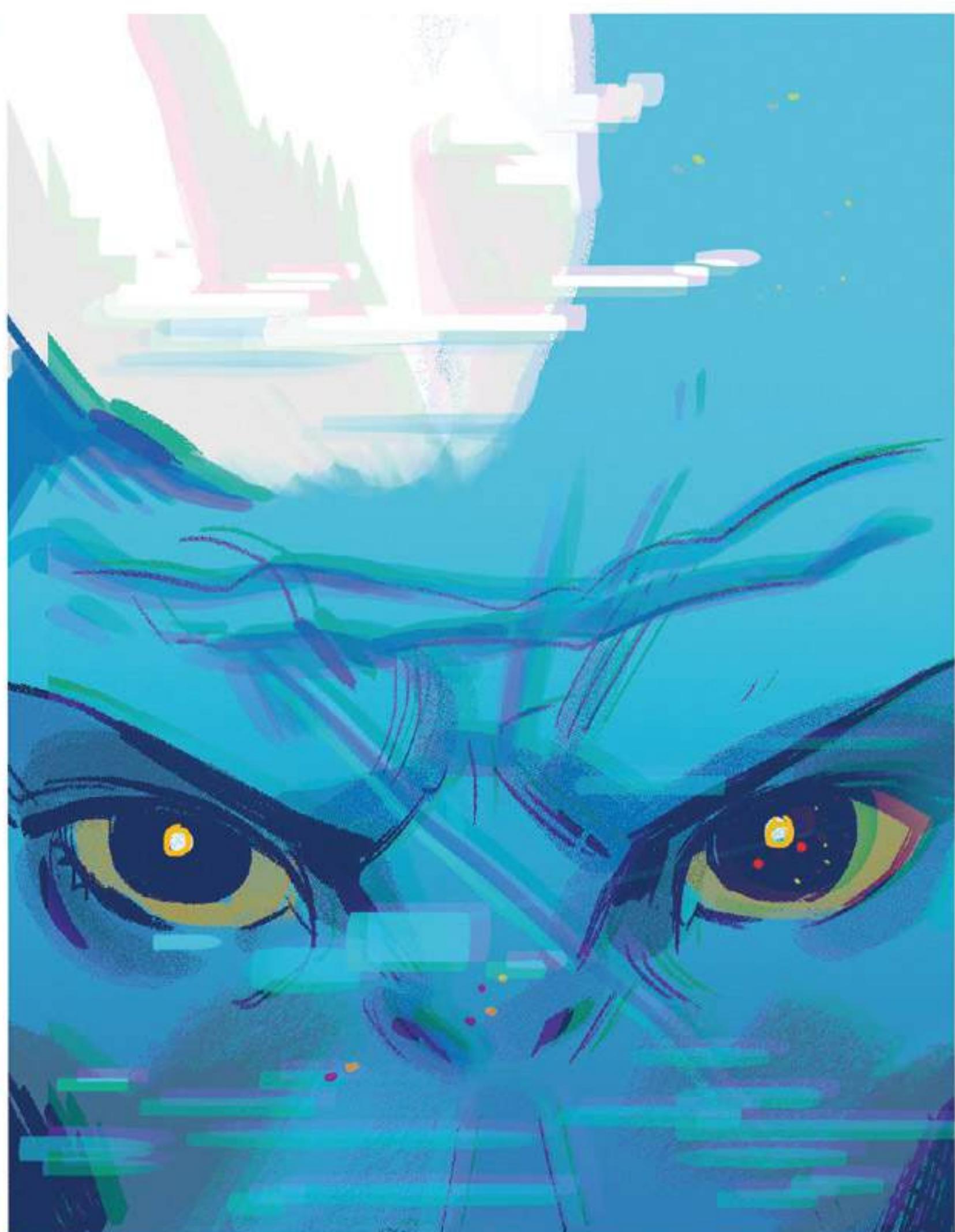
*THE WALKER OF CLOUDS, THE
GODDESS WHO PRESERVES THE
BALANCE OF ALL NATURAL THINGS.

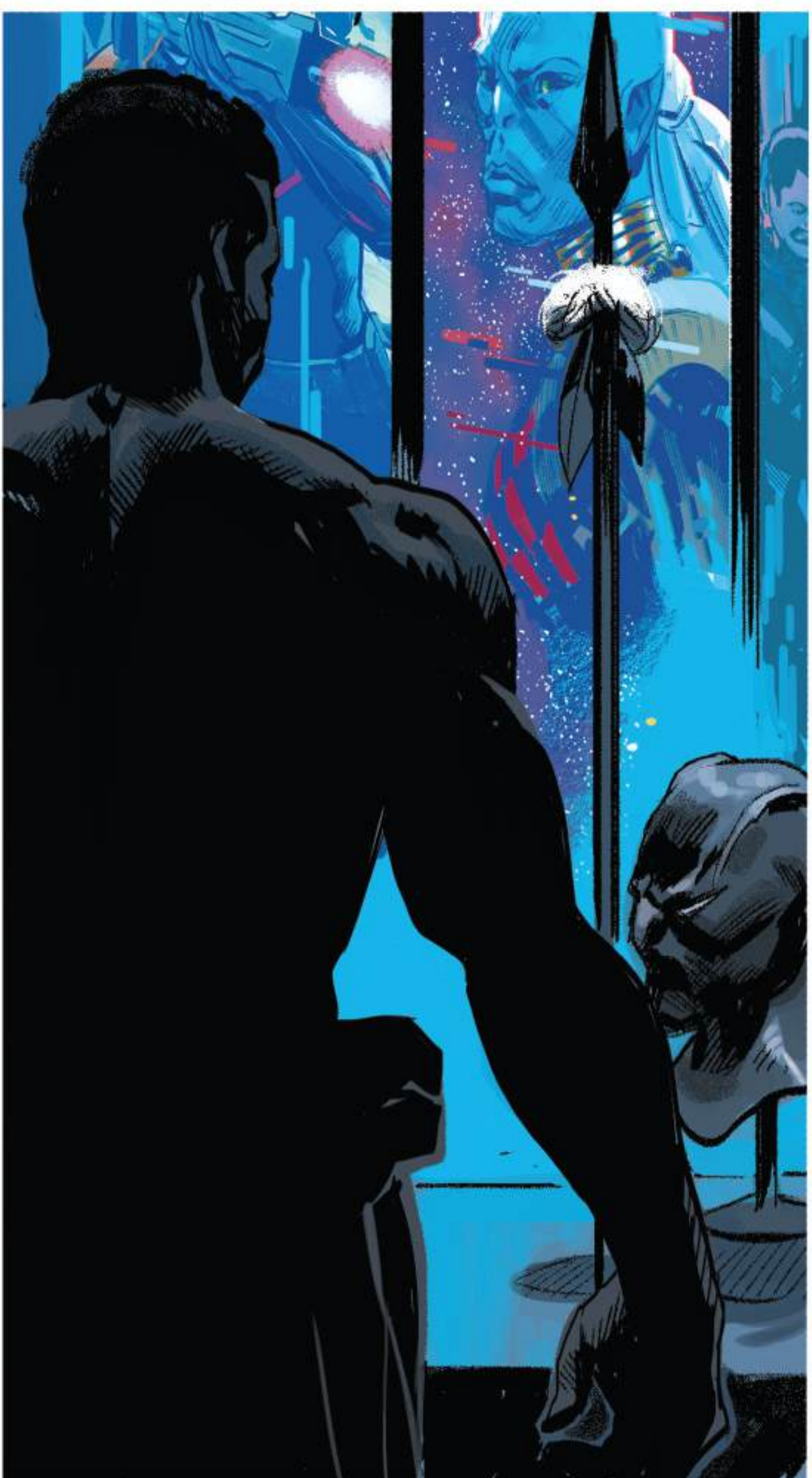
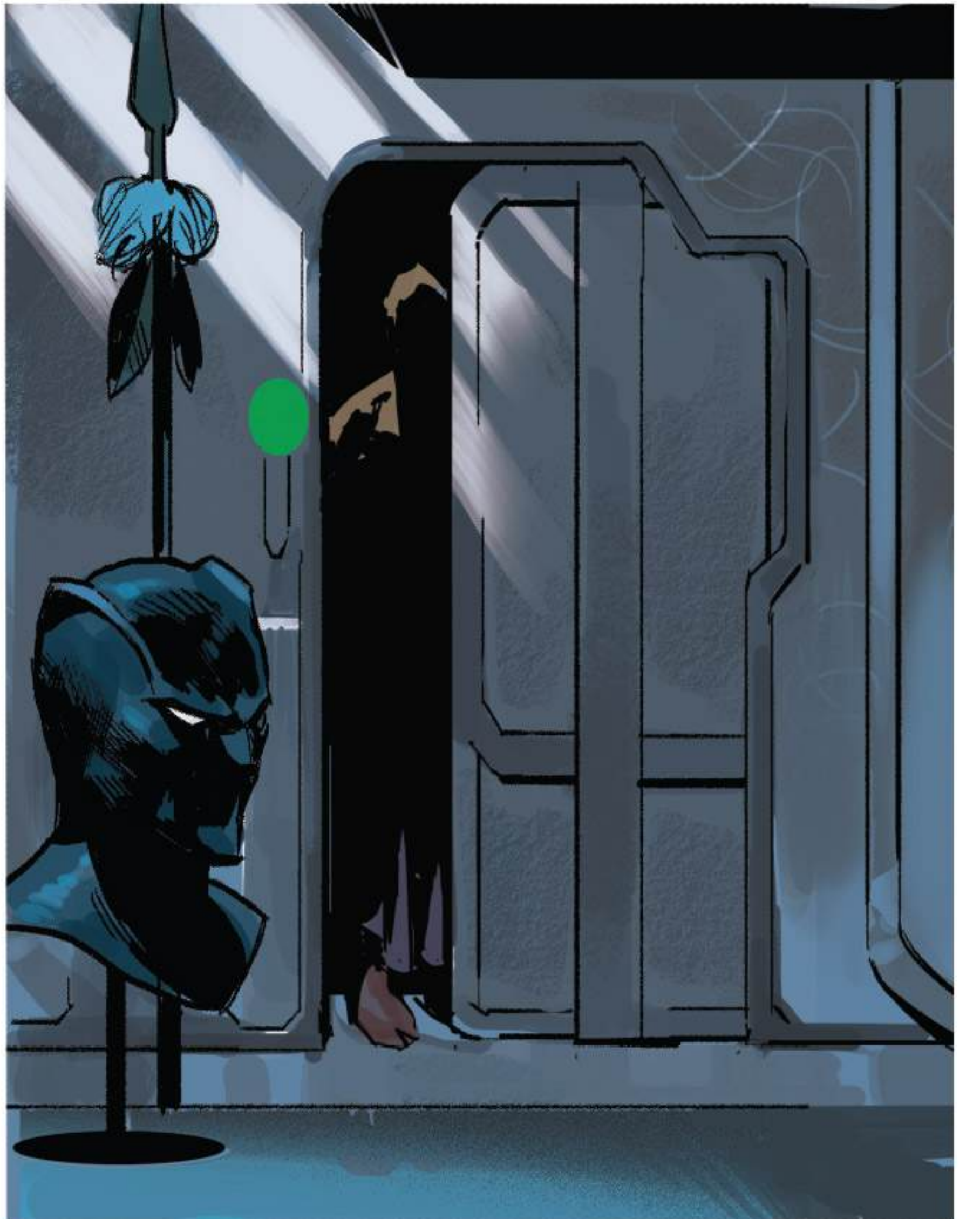
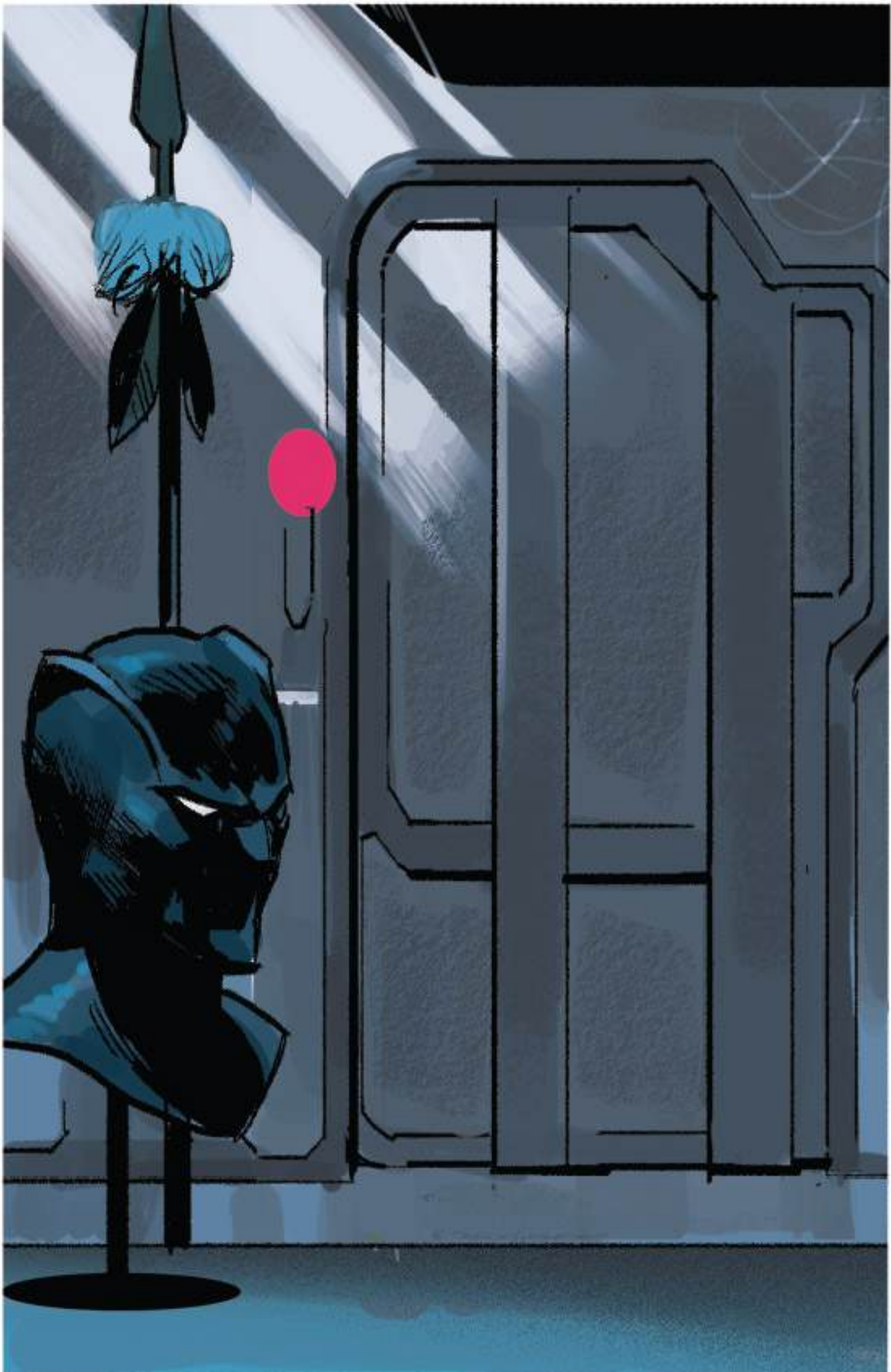
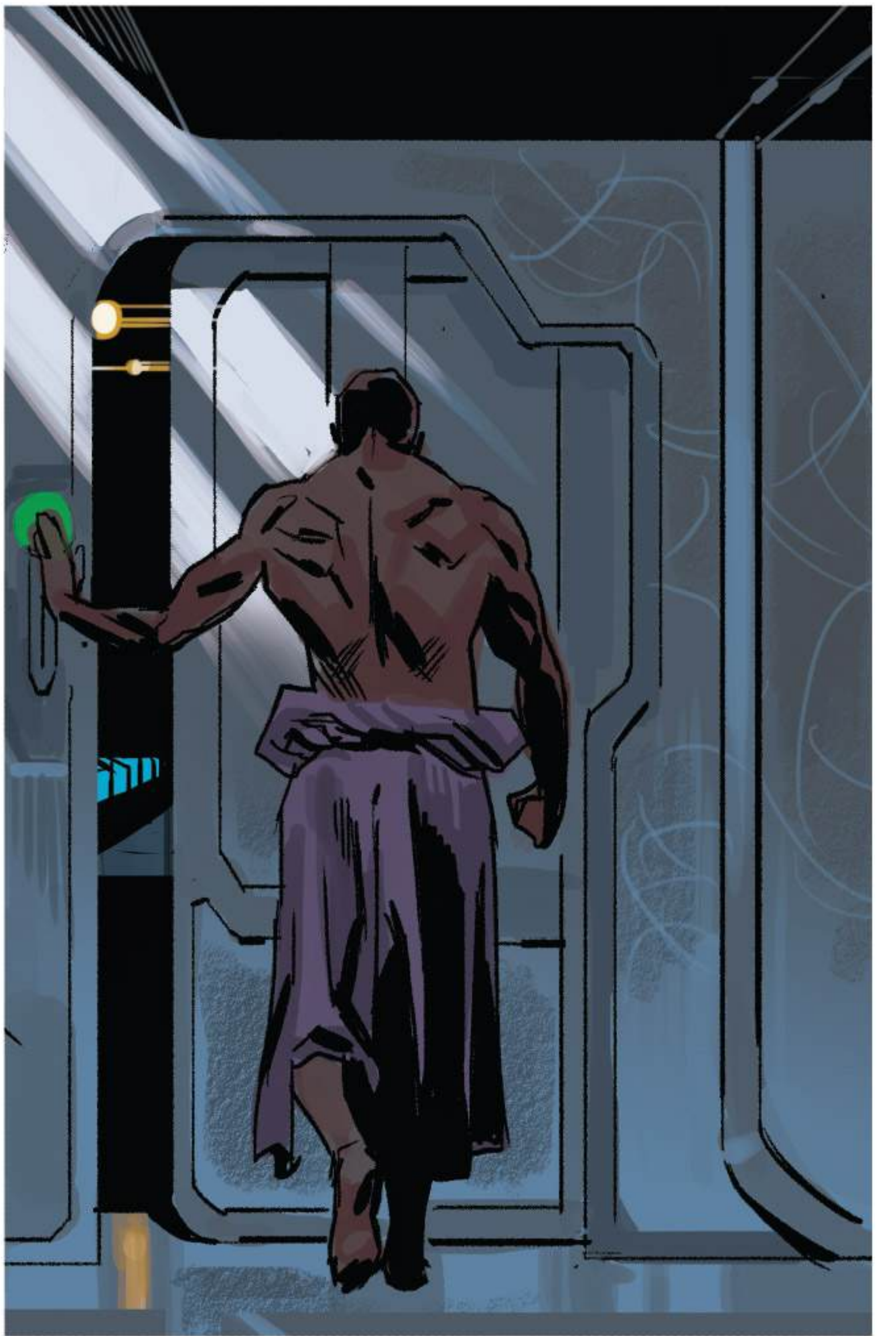
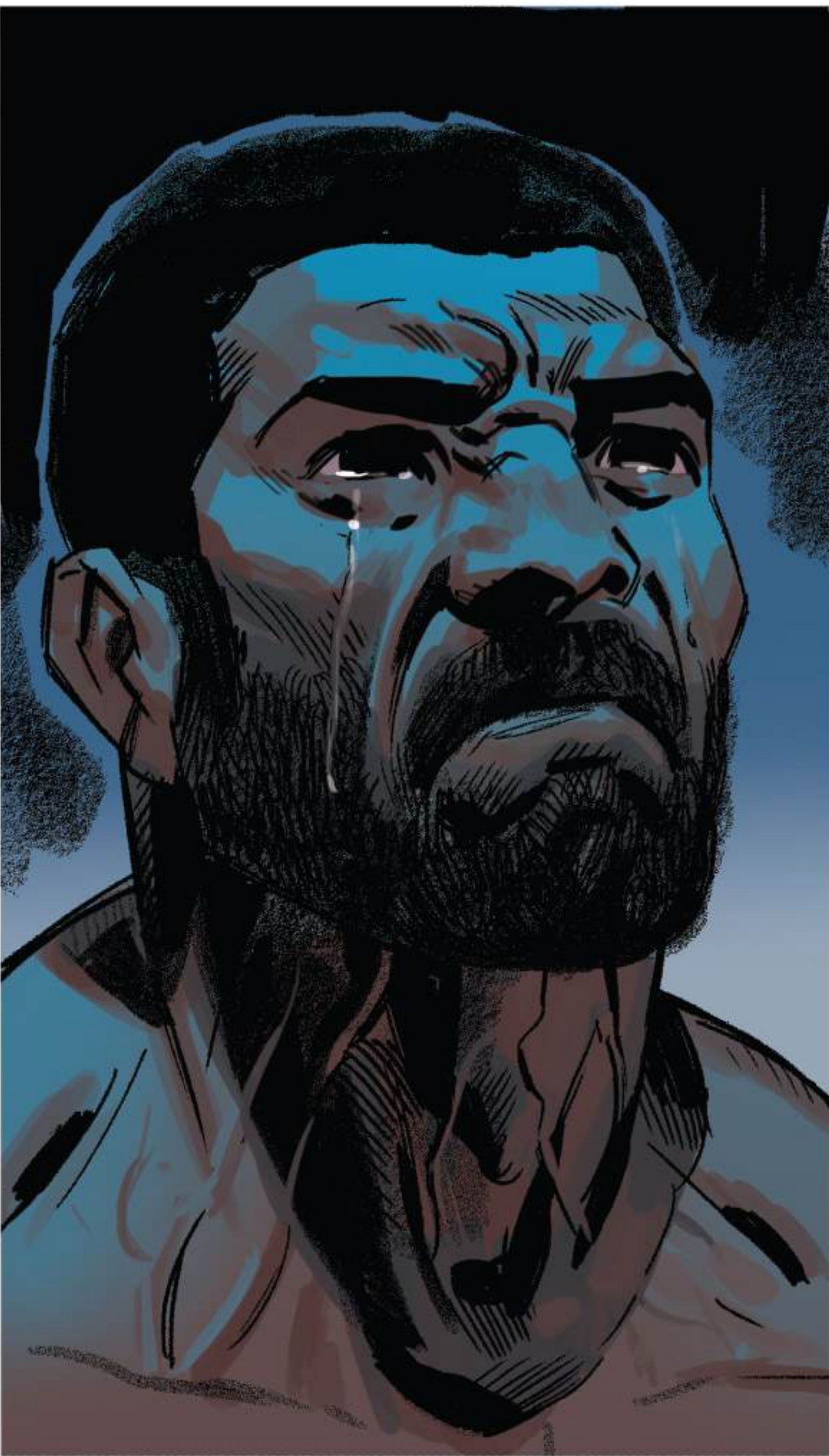


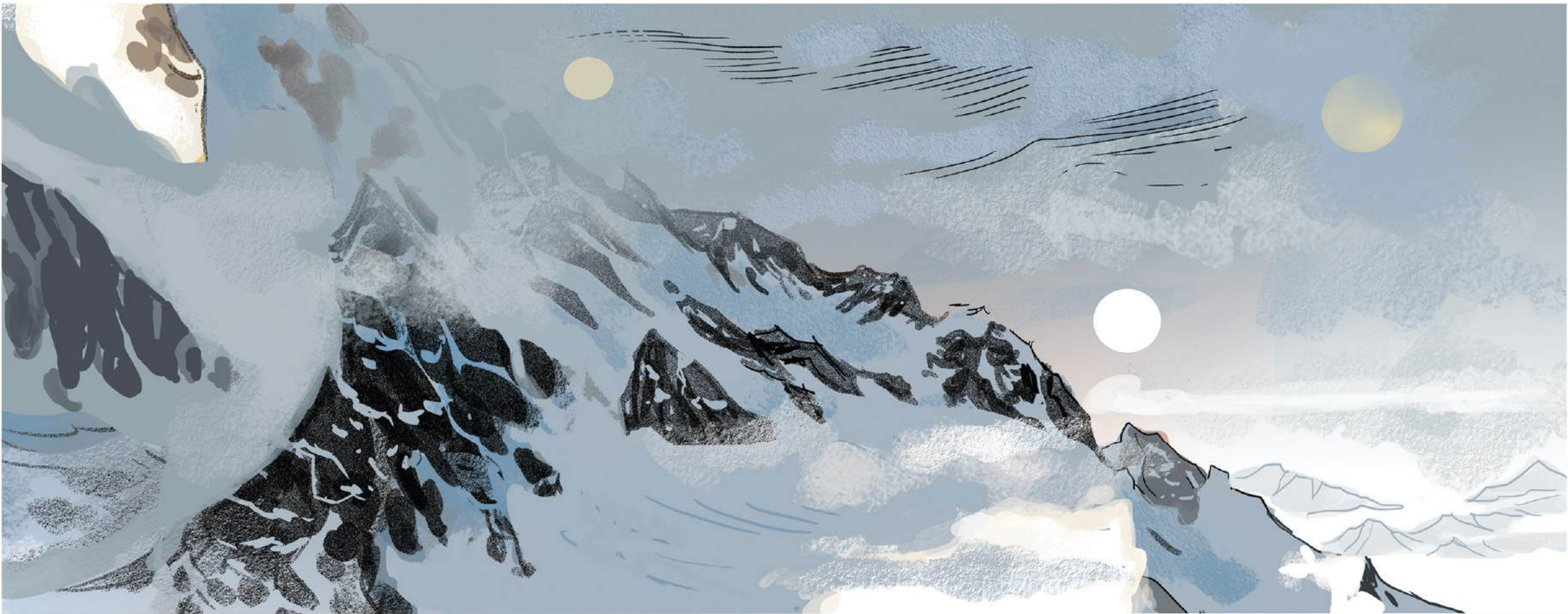
"THERE IS NOW NO
DOUBT IN MY MIND
WHO THIS MAN IS..."



"T'CHALLA--'HE WHO PUT THE
BLADE WHERE IT BELONGED.'"

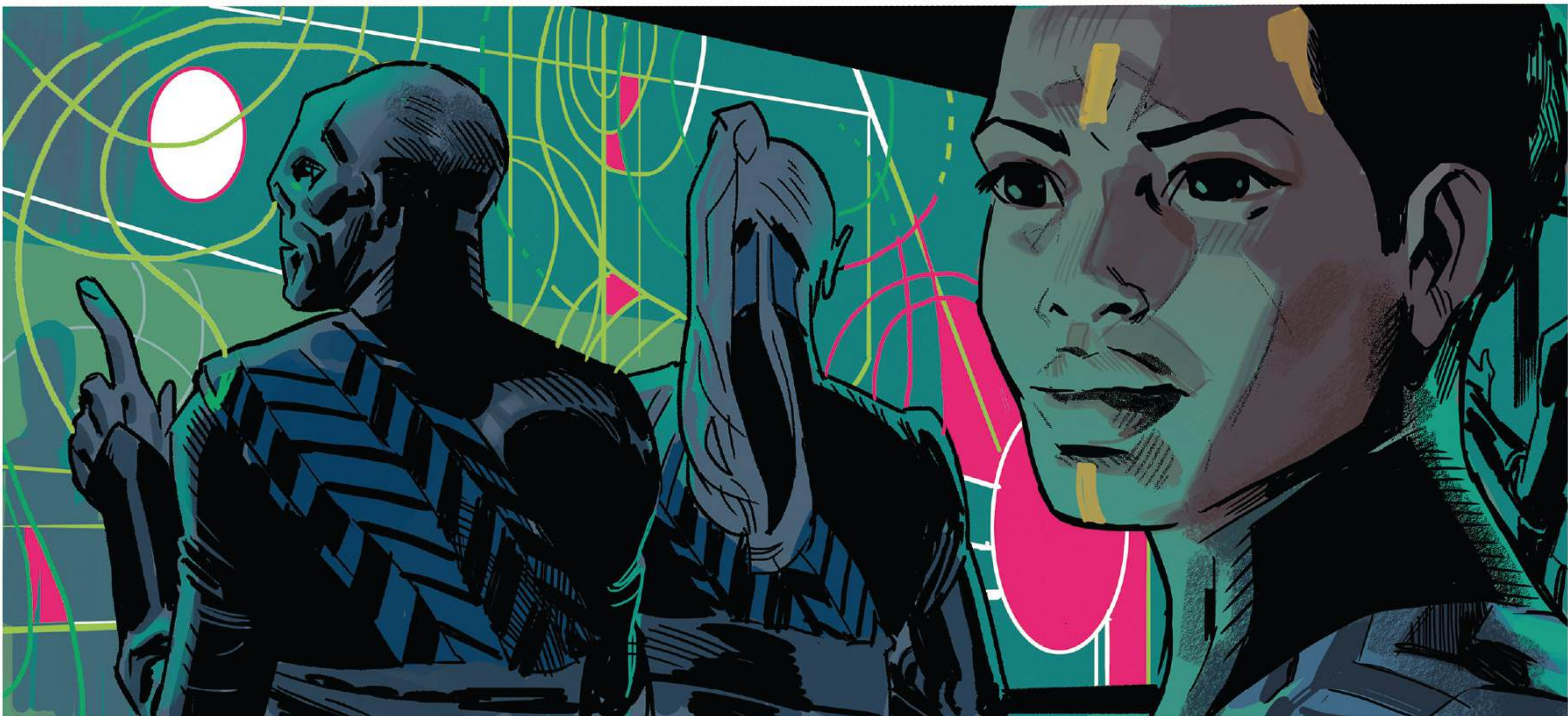
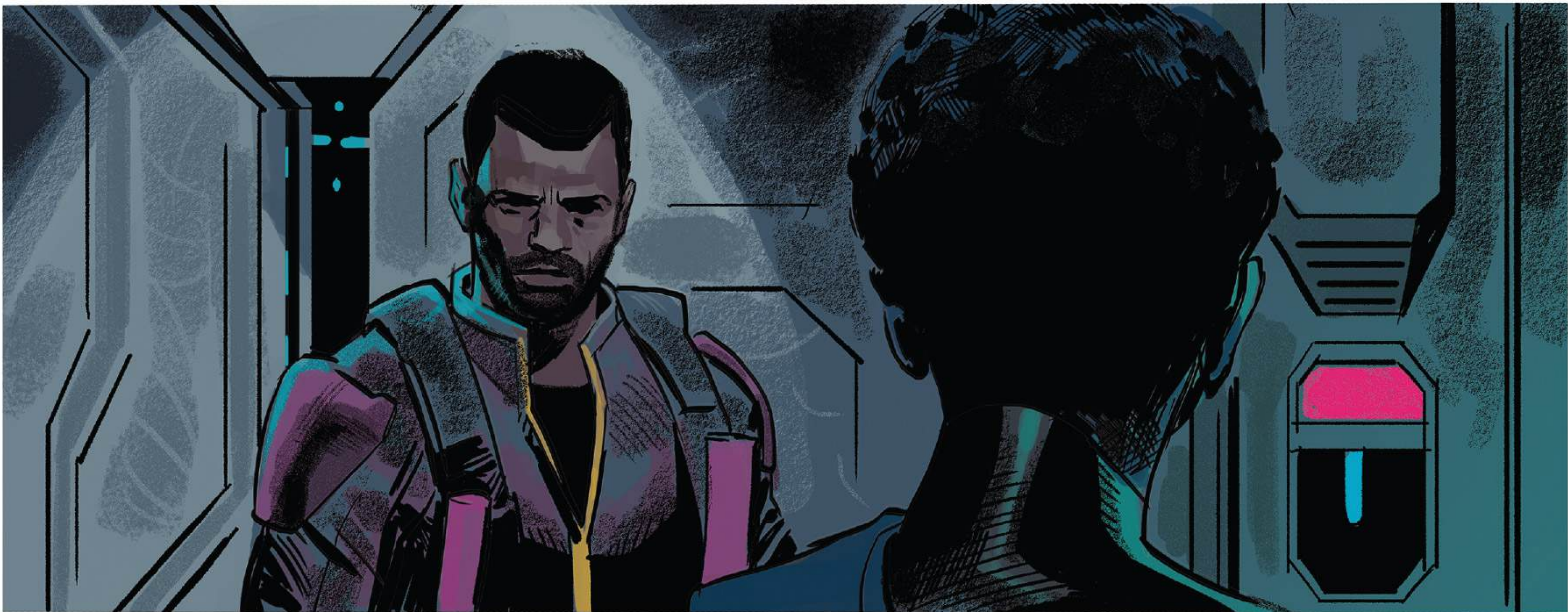


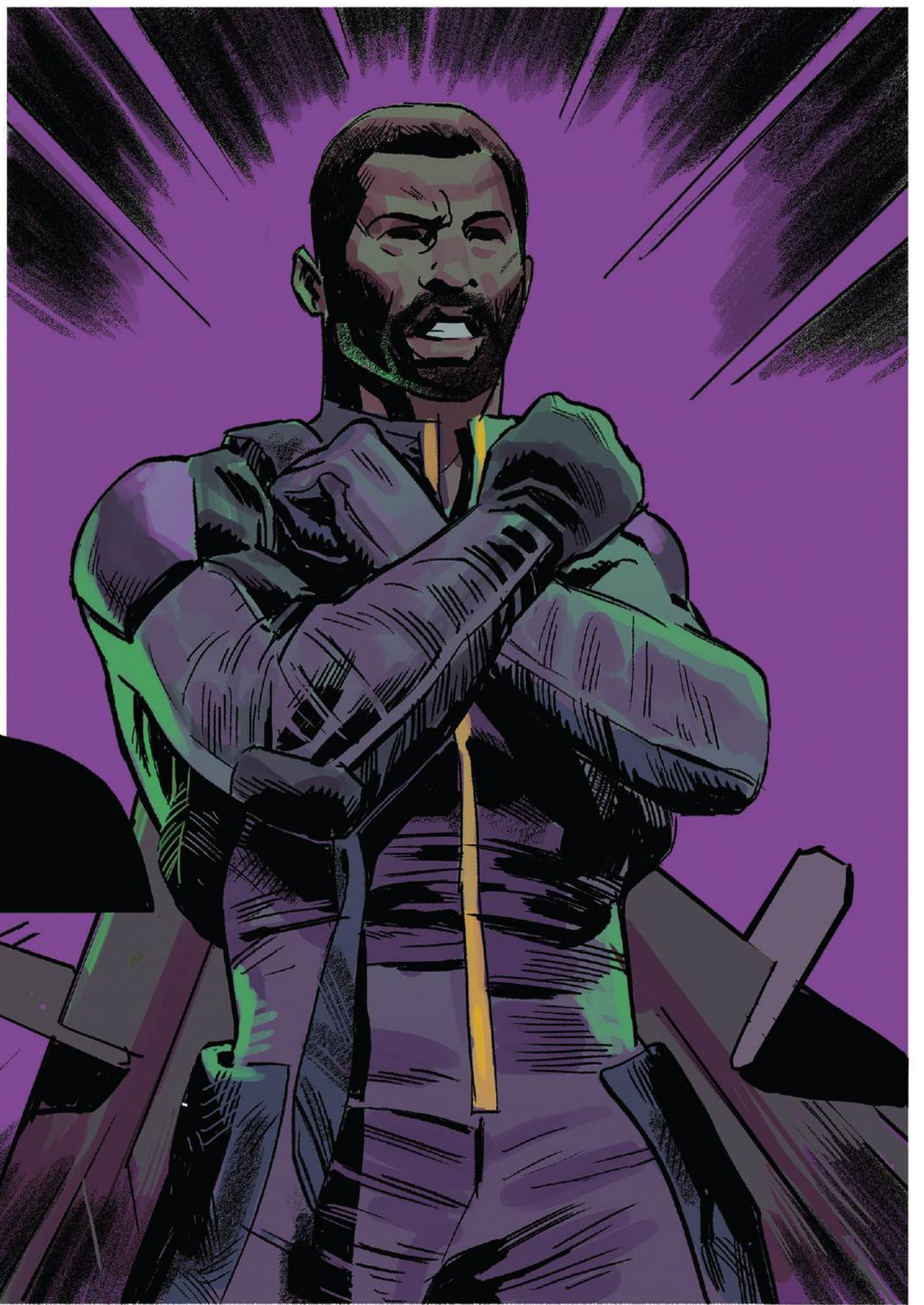








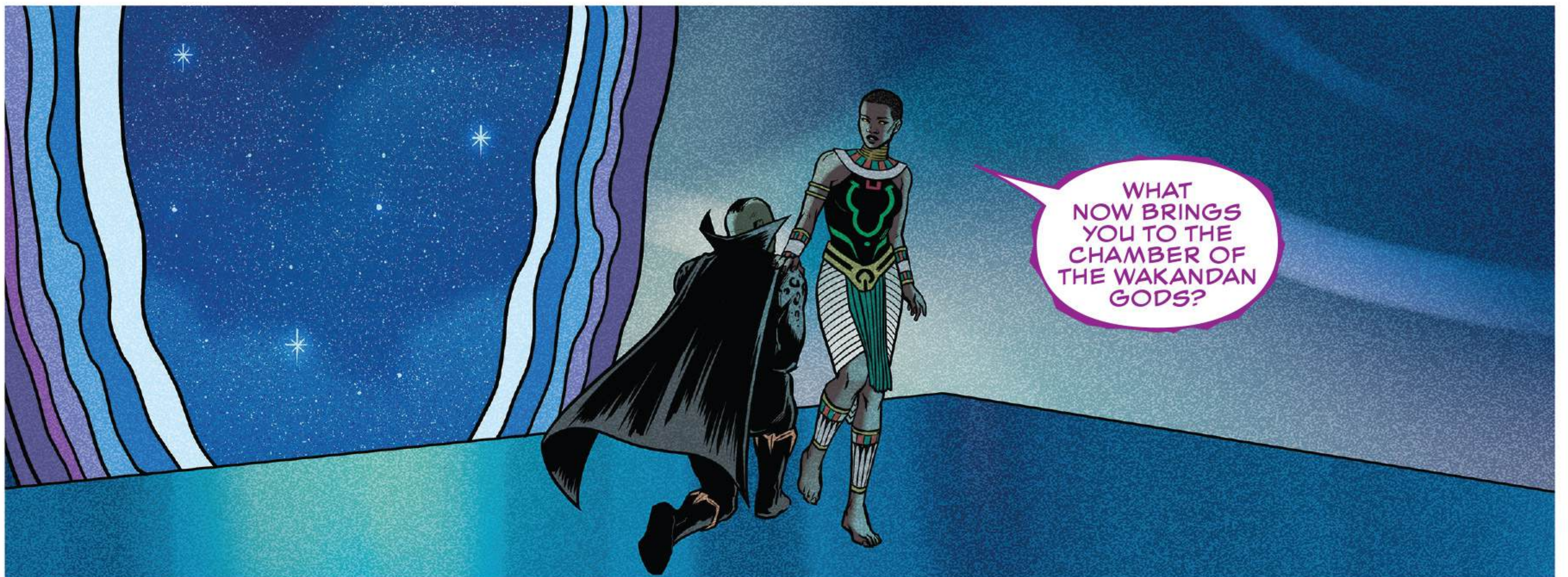
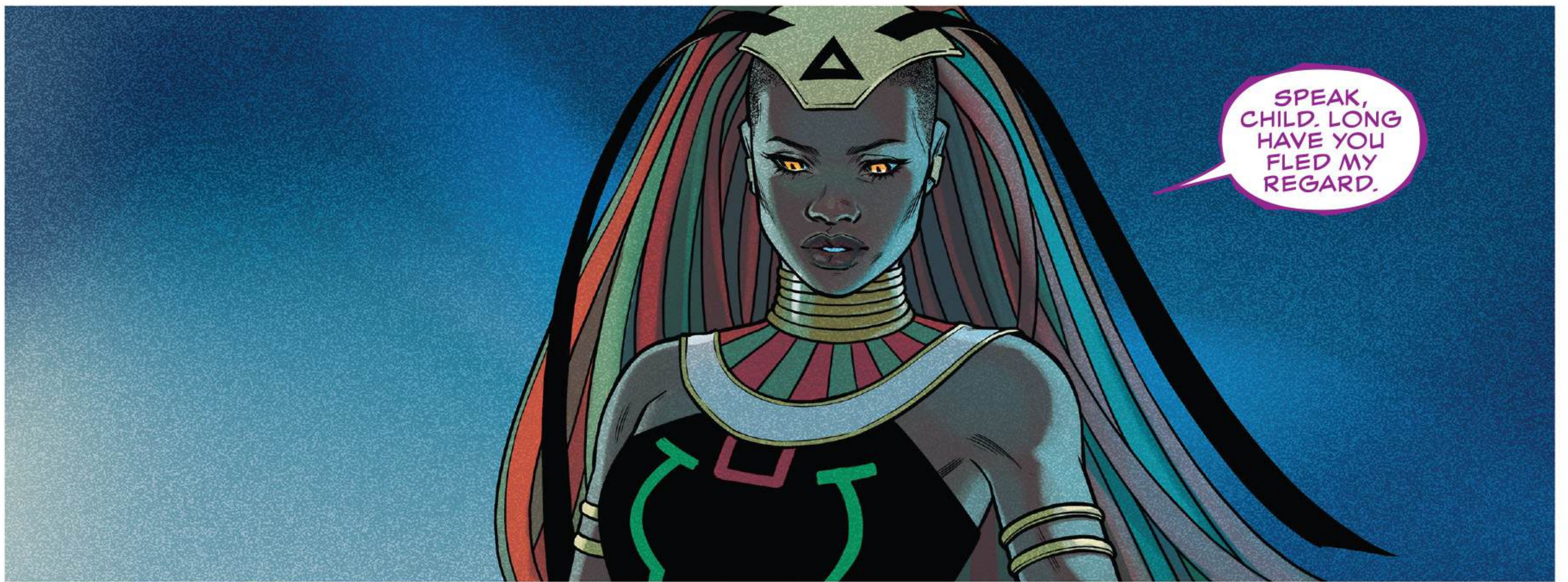


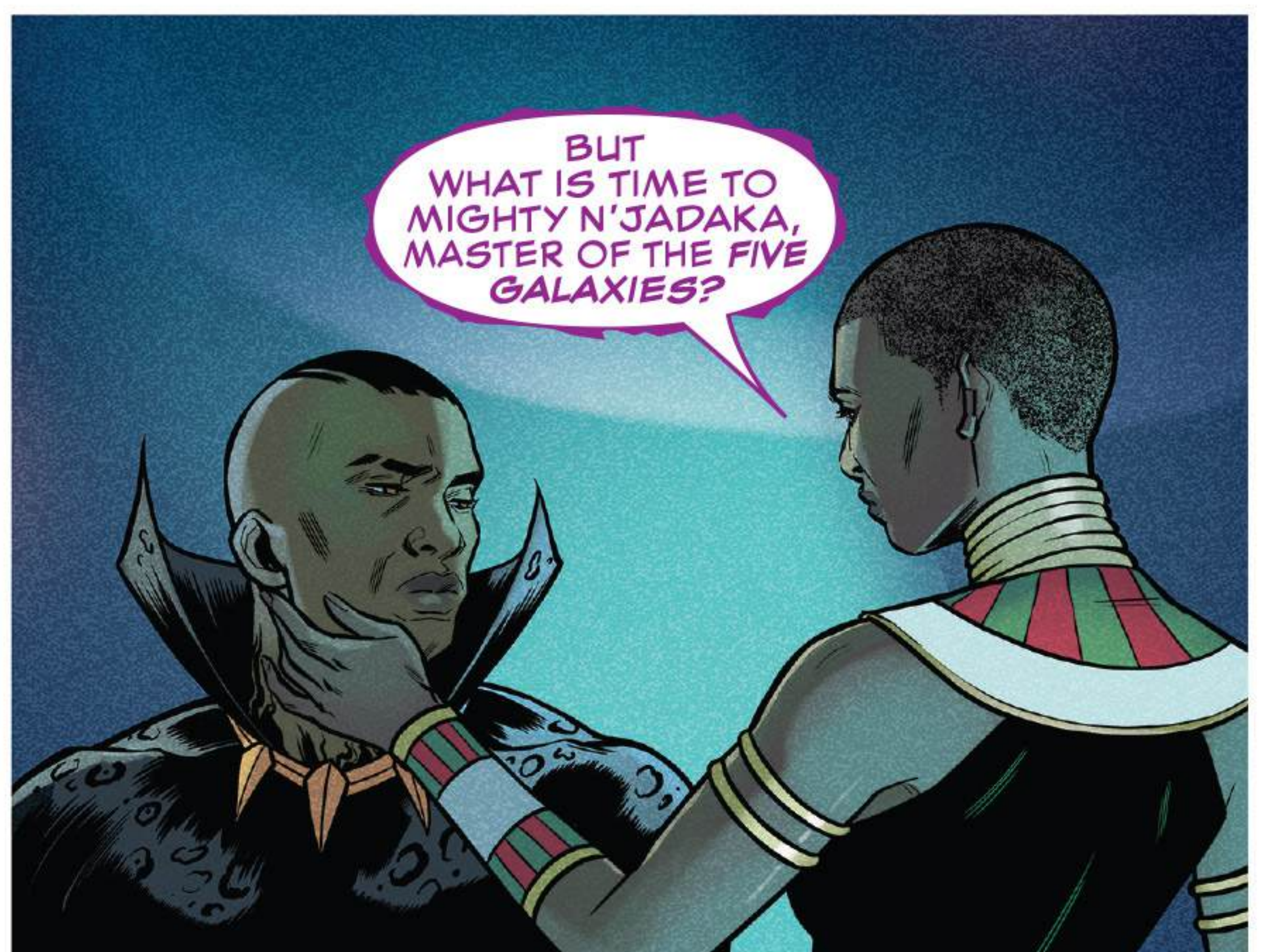
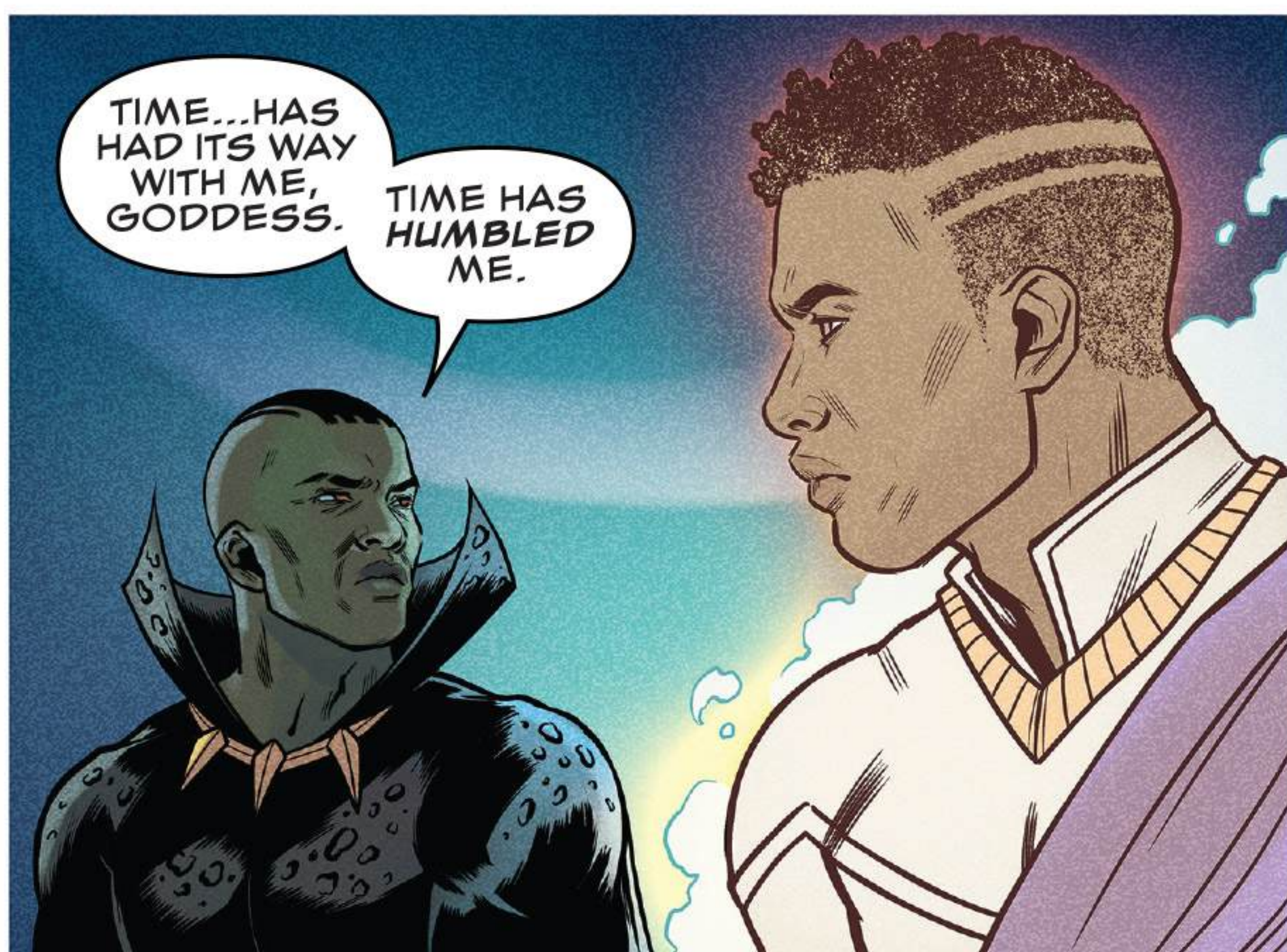
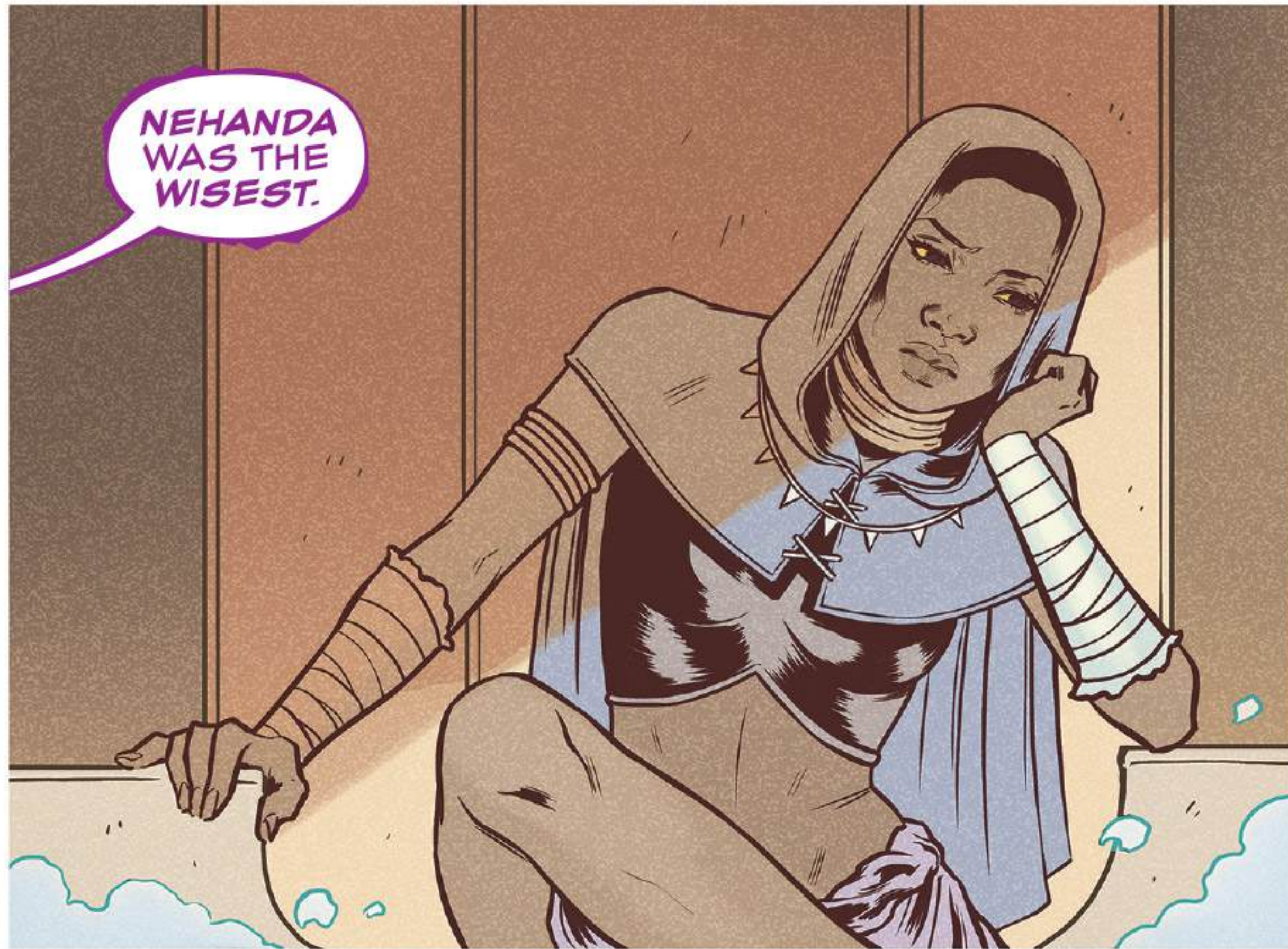
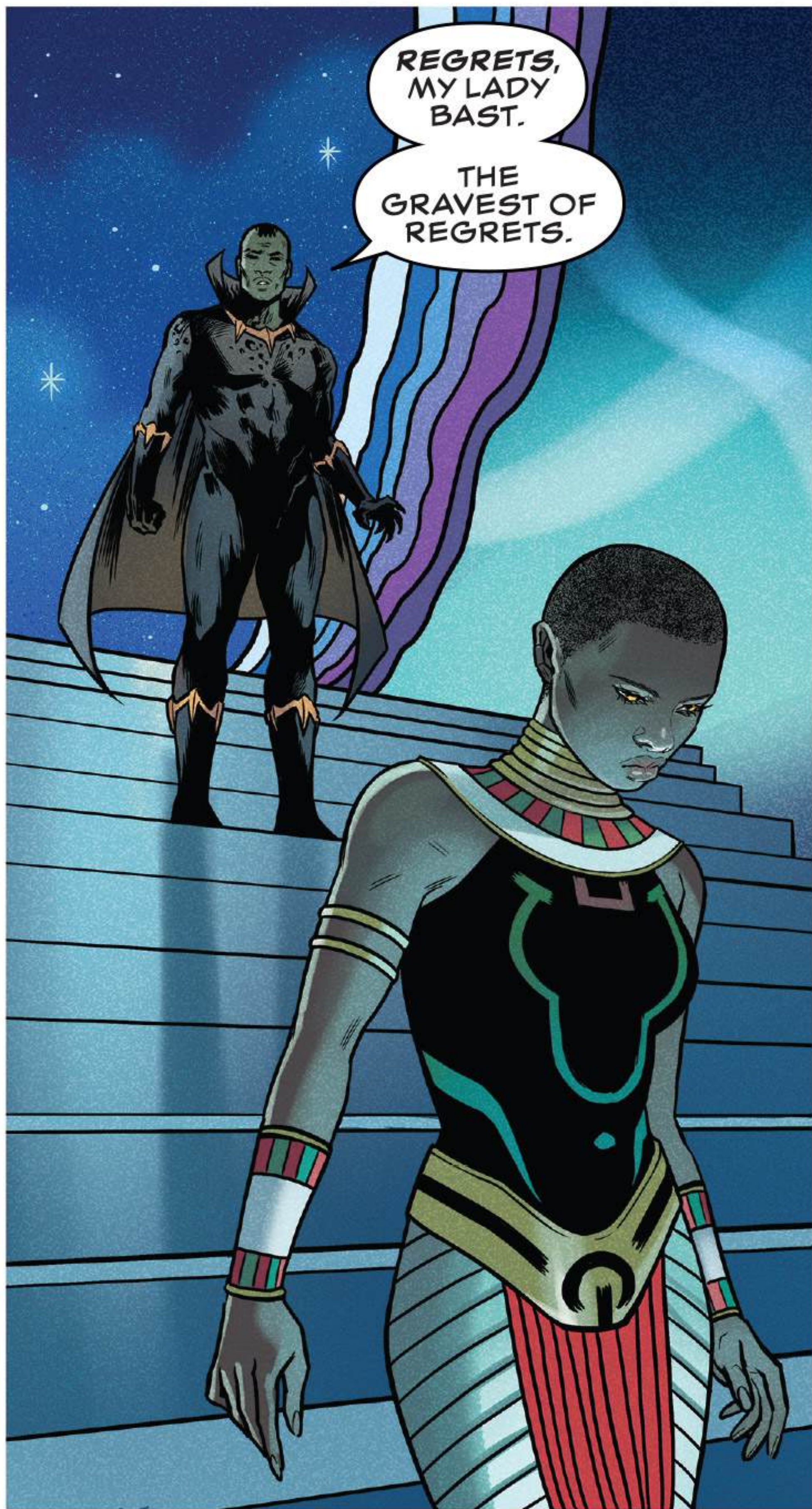


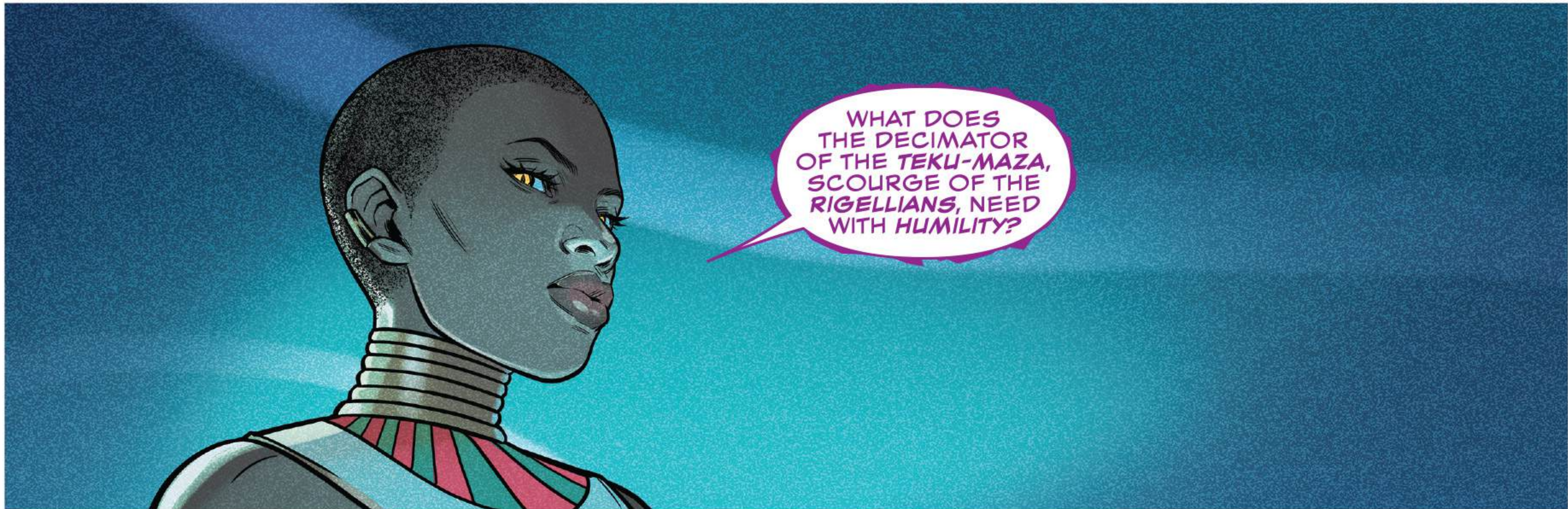


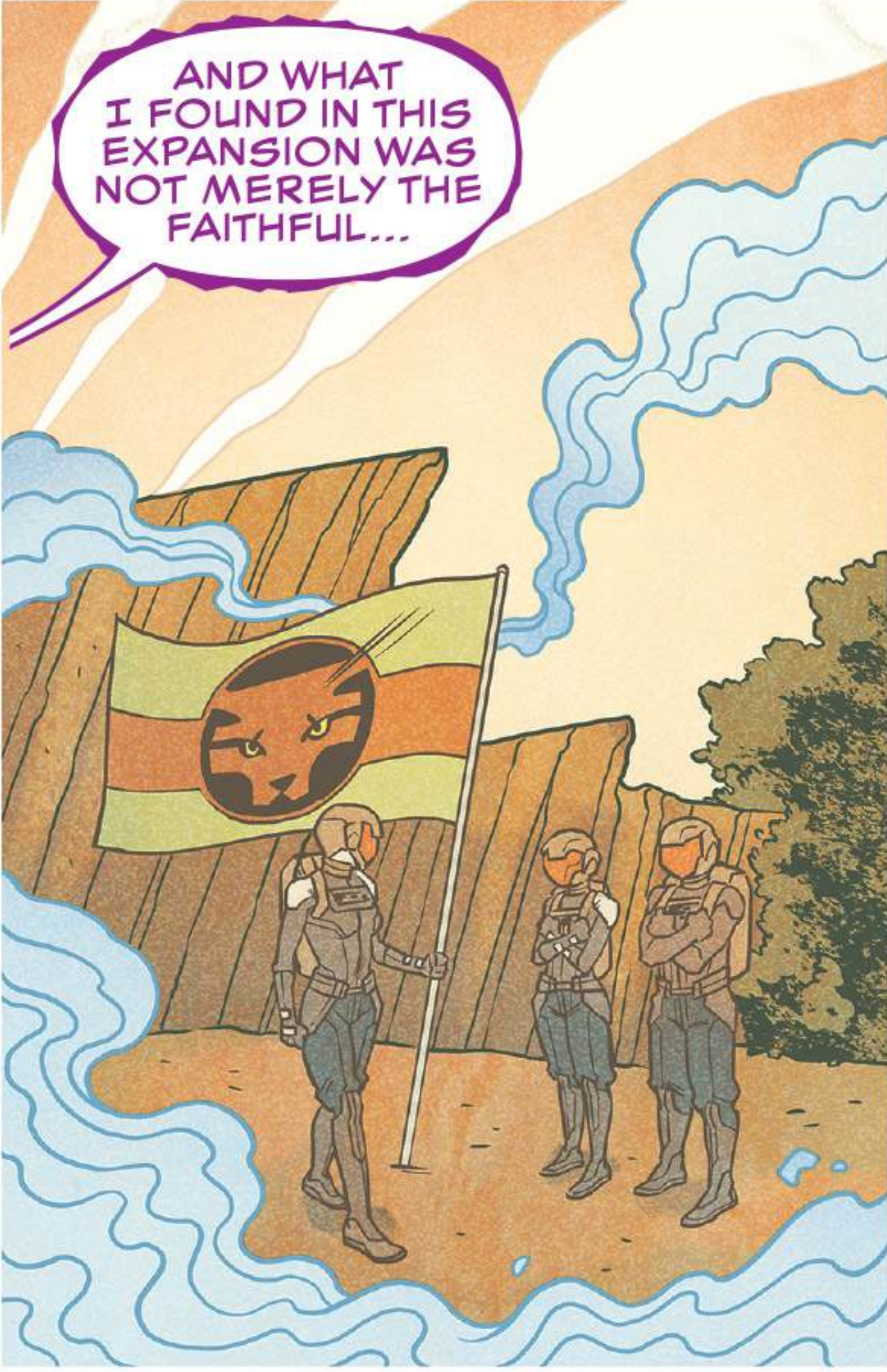
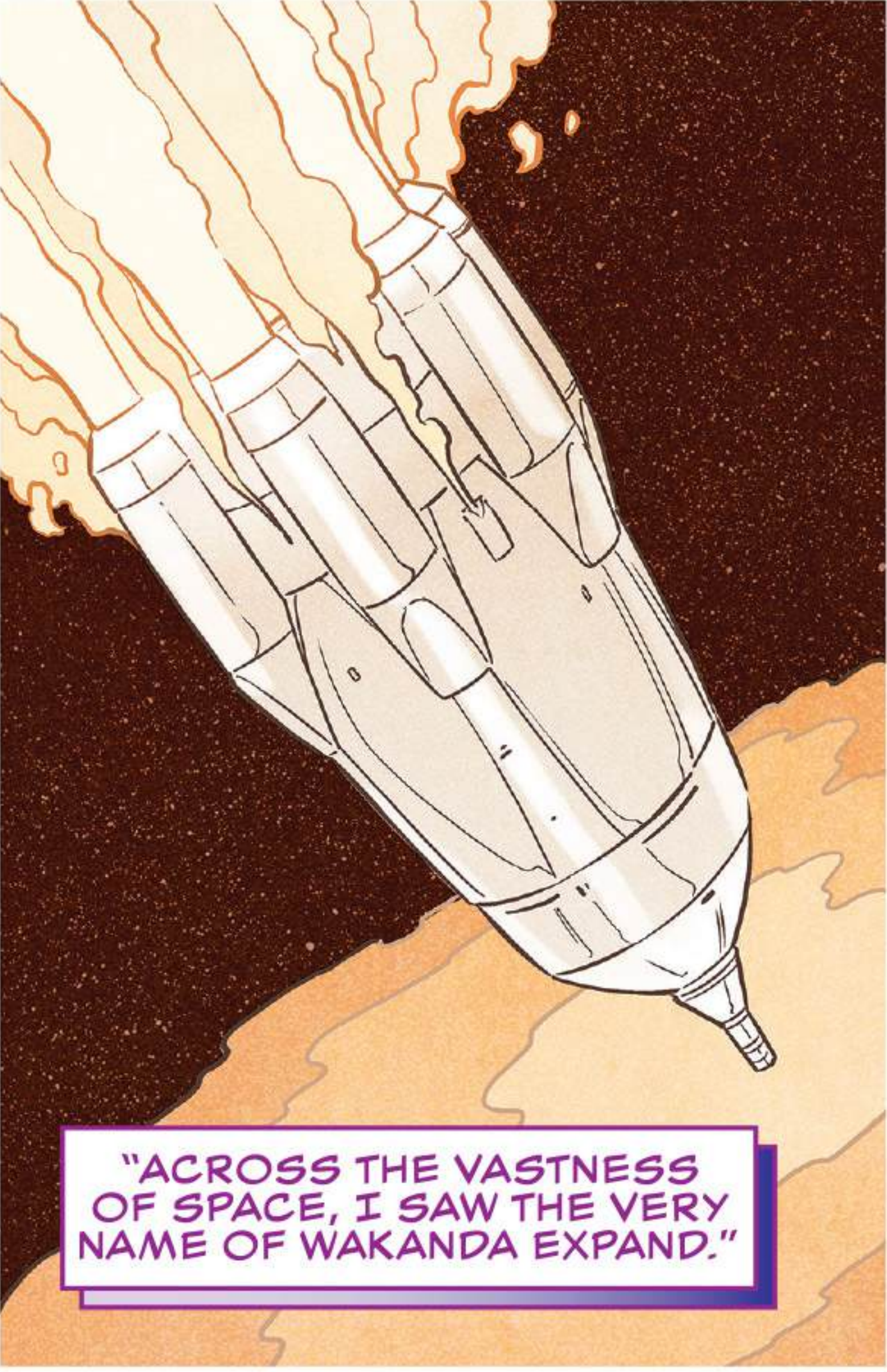
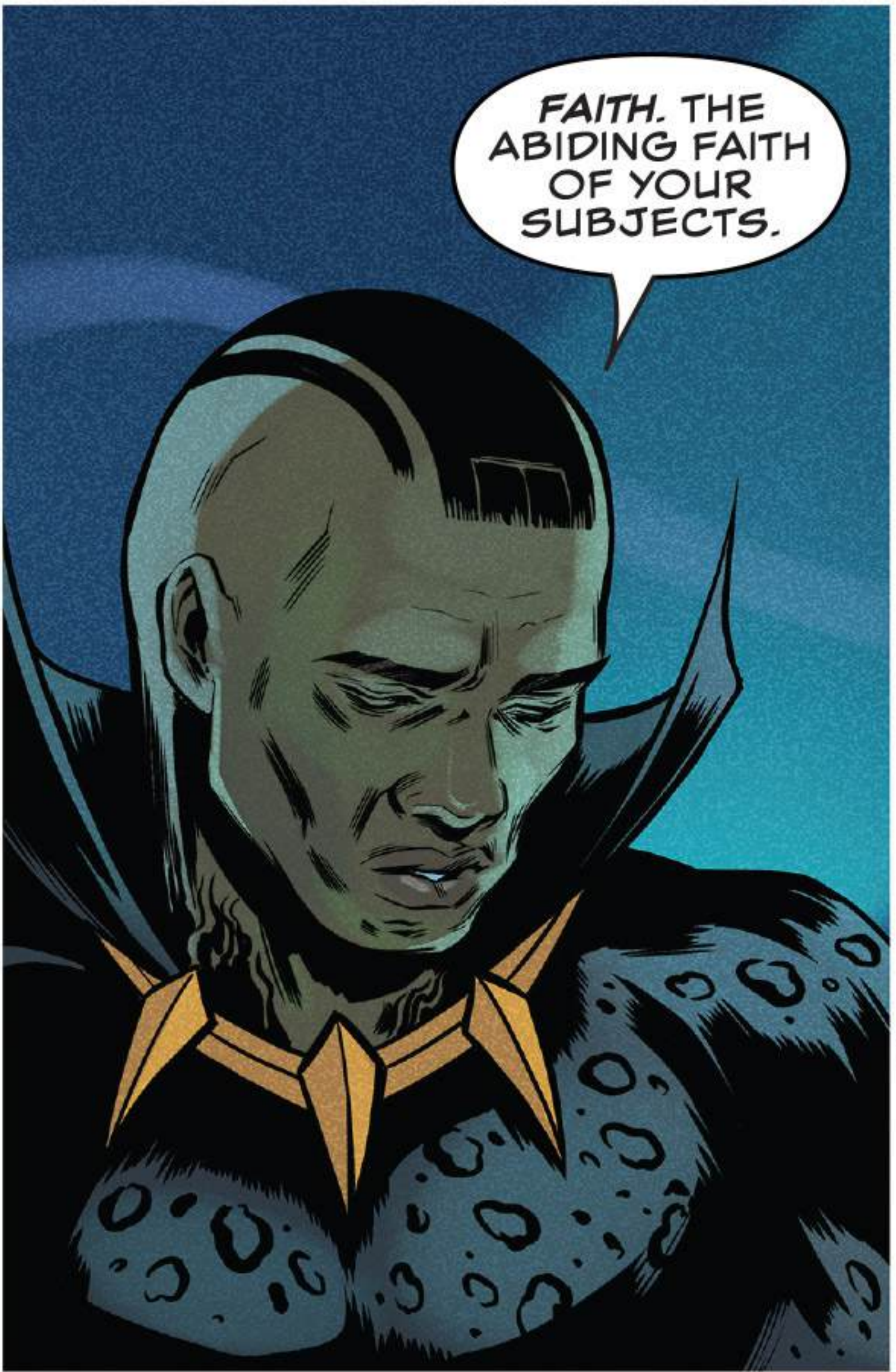
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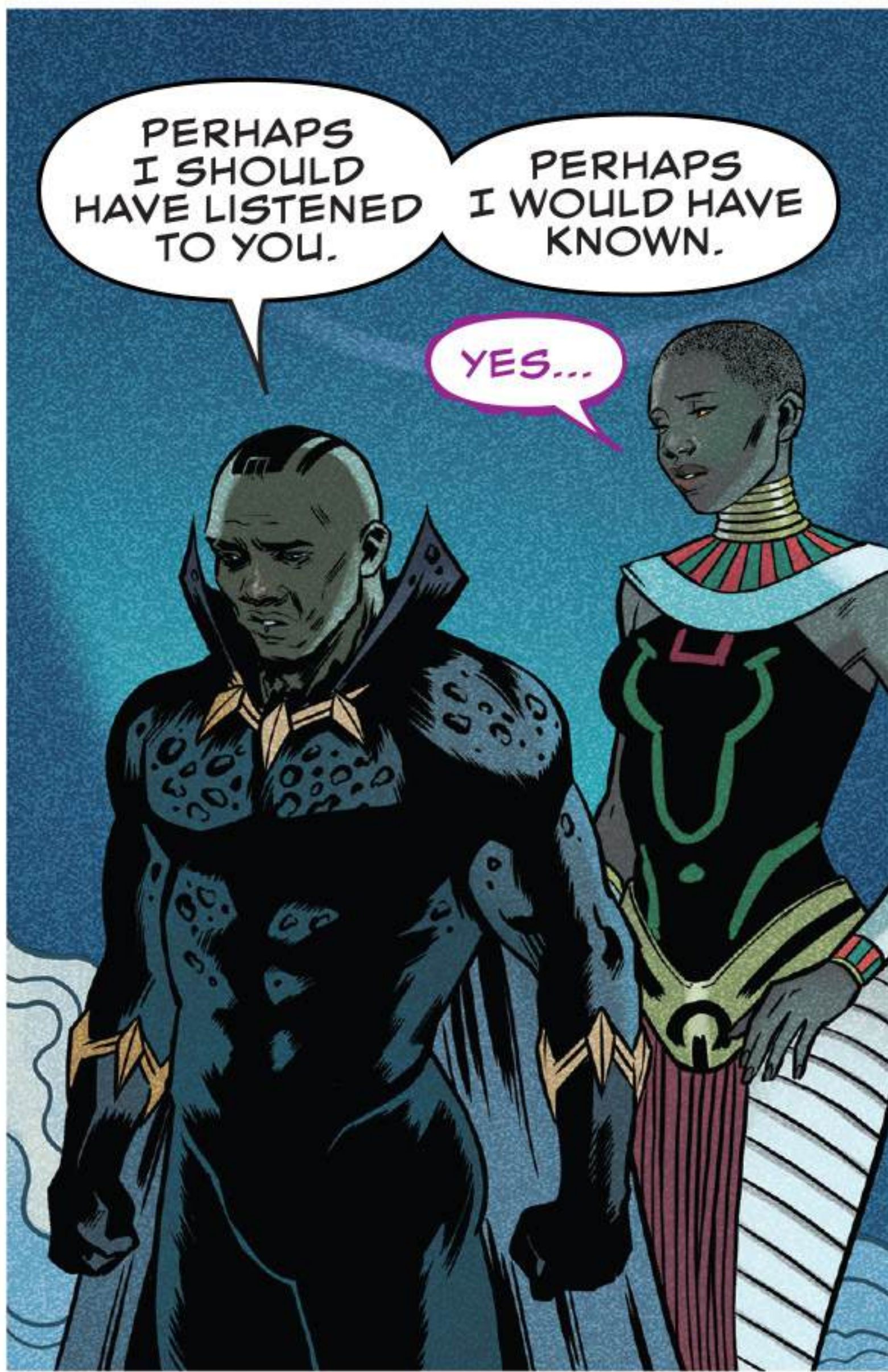
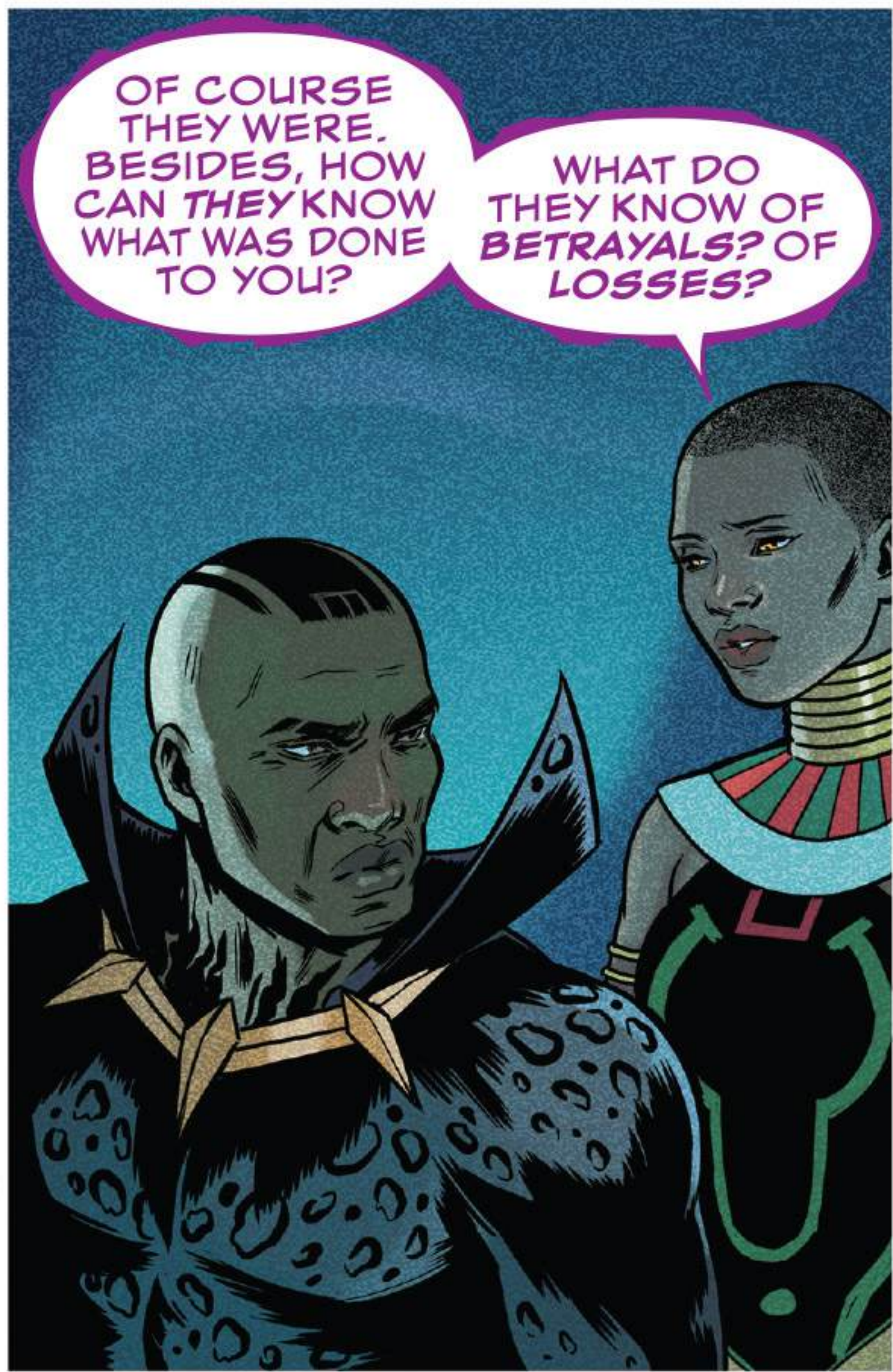
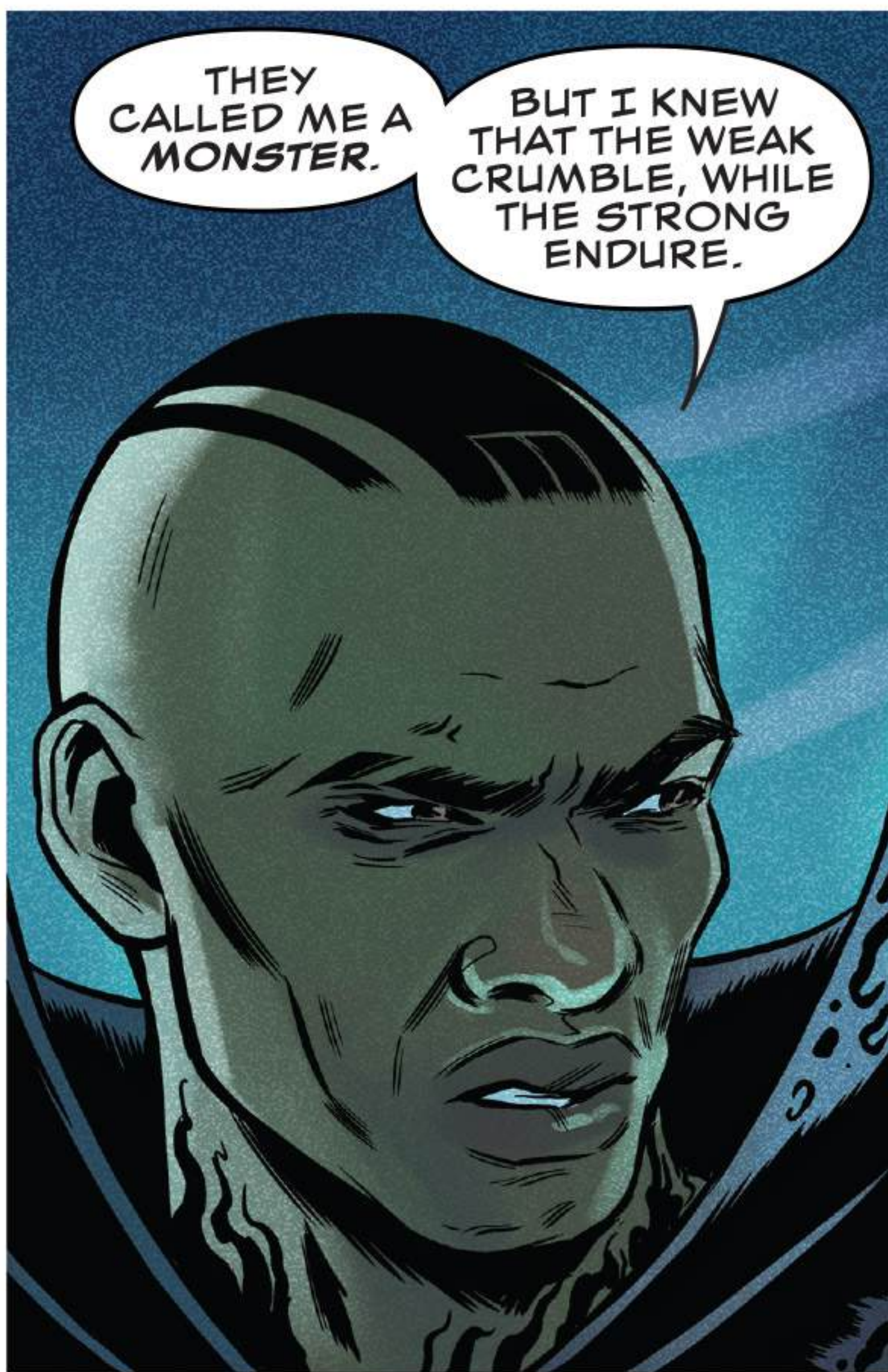














"ALMOST ALL OF THEM, GODDESS."



THE PEOPLE CHANT THE NAME N'JADAKA LOUDER THAN YOUR OWN, SIRE.

HIS IMPUDENCE GROWS WITH EACH VICTORY.

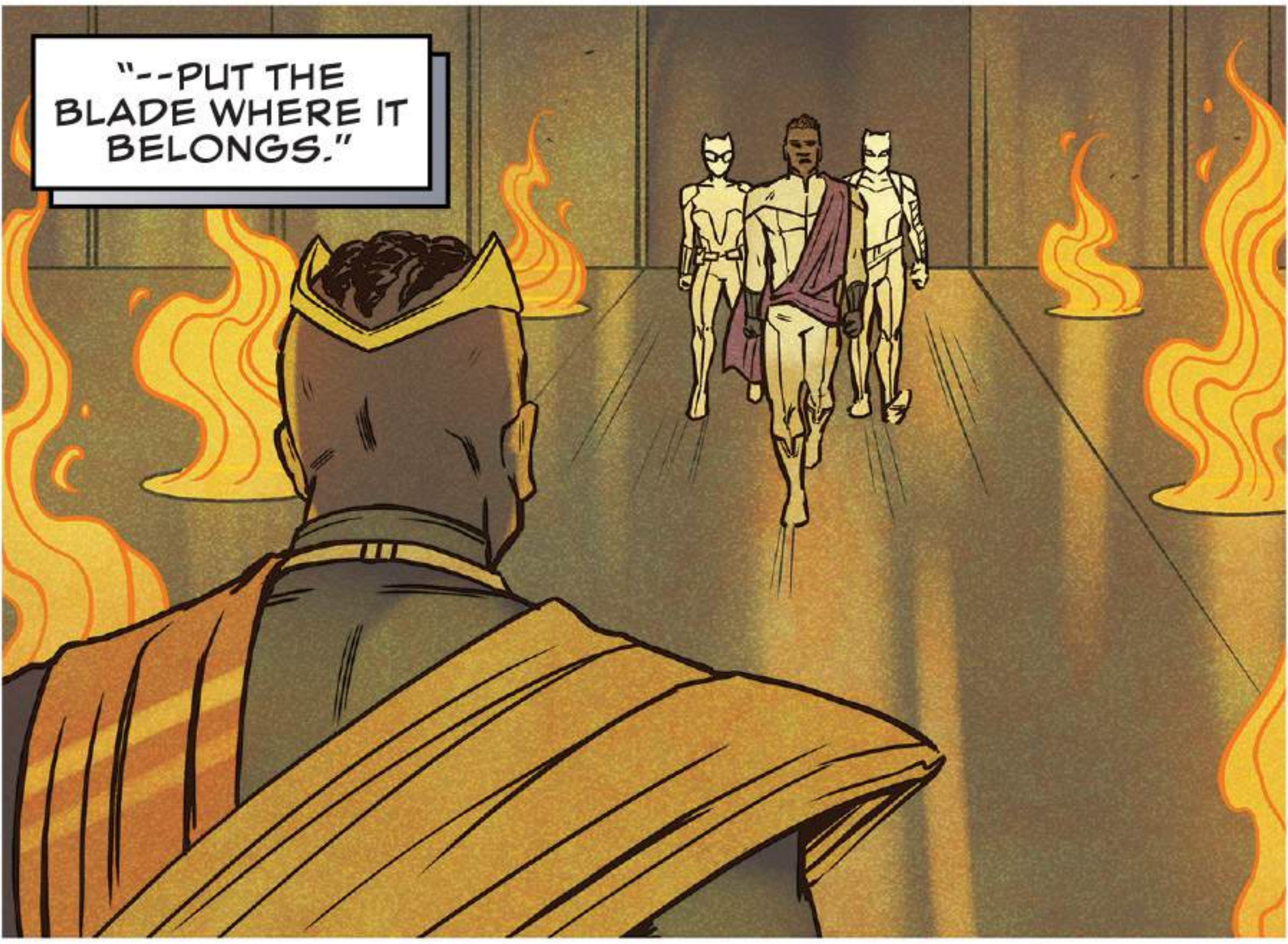


HOW LONG BEFORE THIS MERCENARY FEELS HIMSELF TO HAVE NO NEED OF HIS BETTERS?

FOR THE SAKE OF THE EMPIRE, HE MUST BE NEUTRALIZED. THE TIME IS NOW, SIRE--

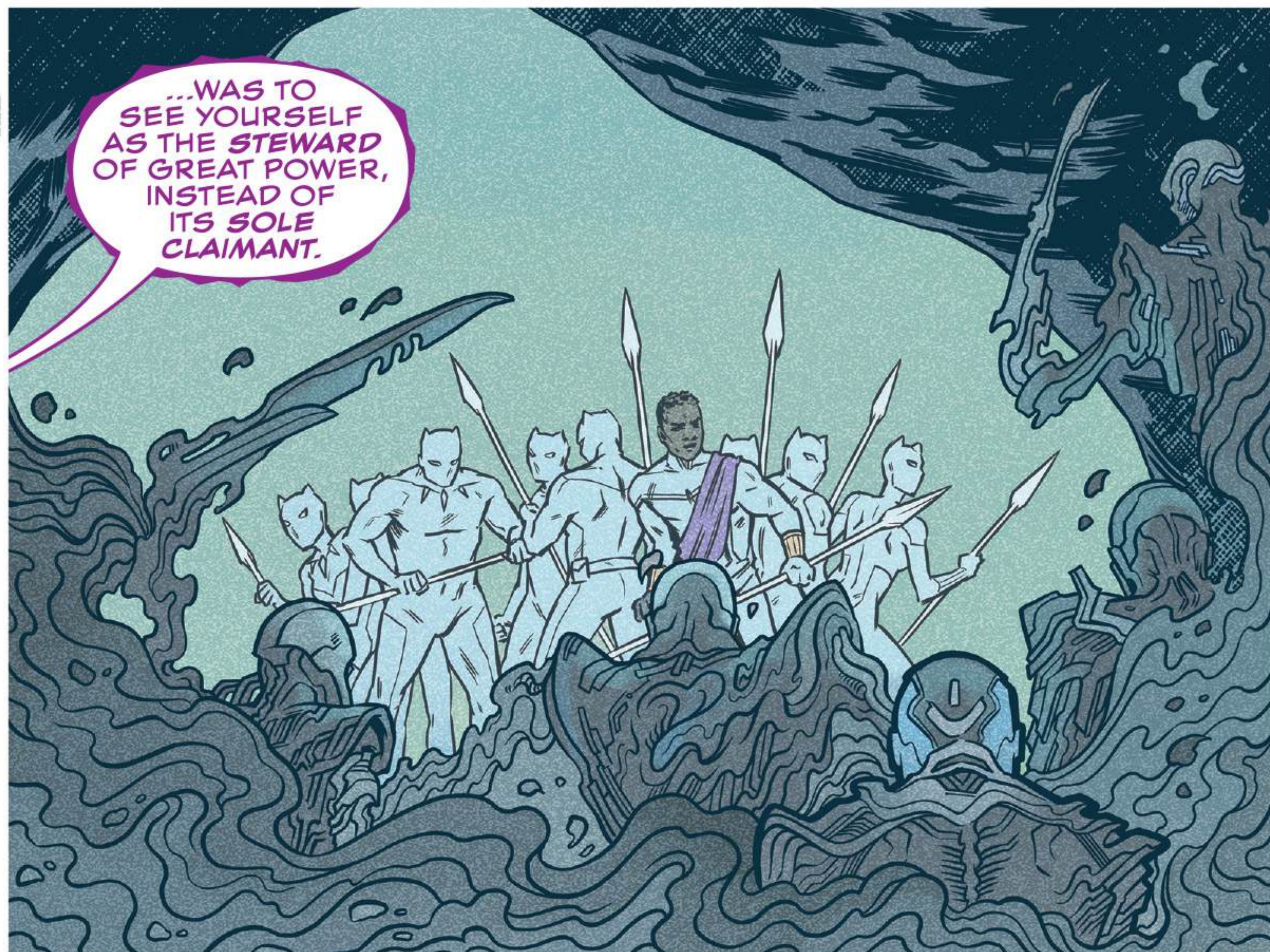
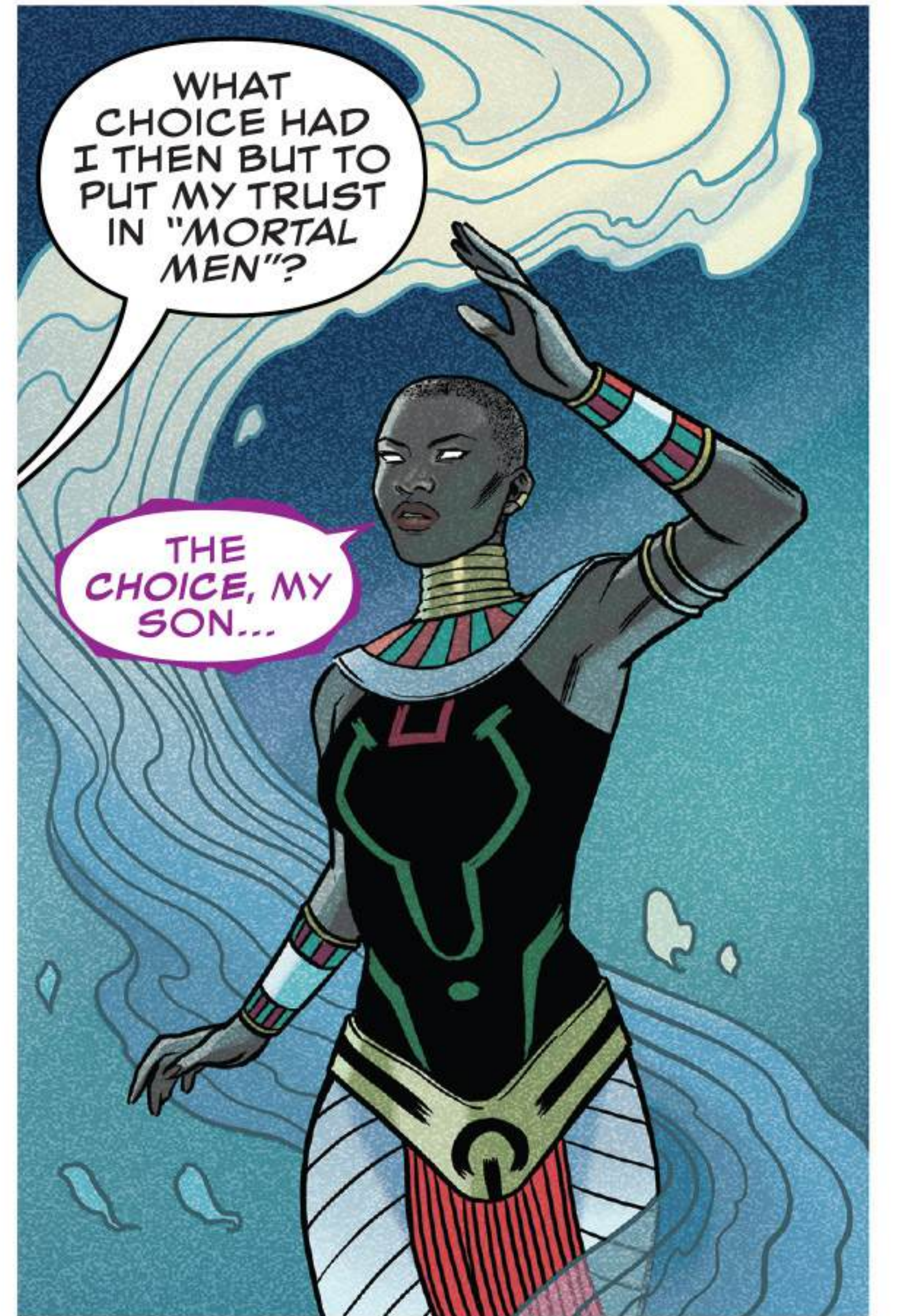
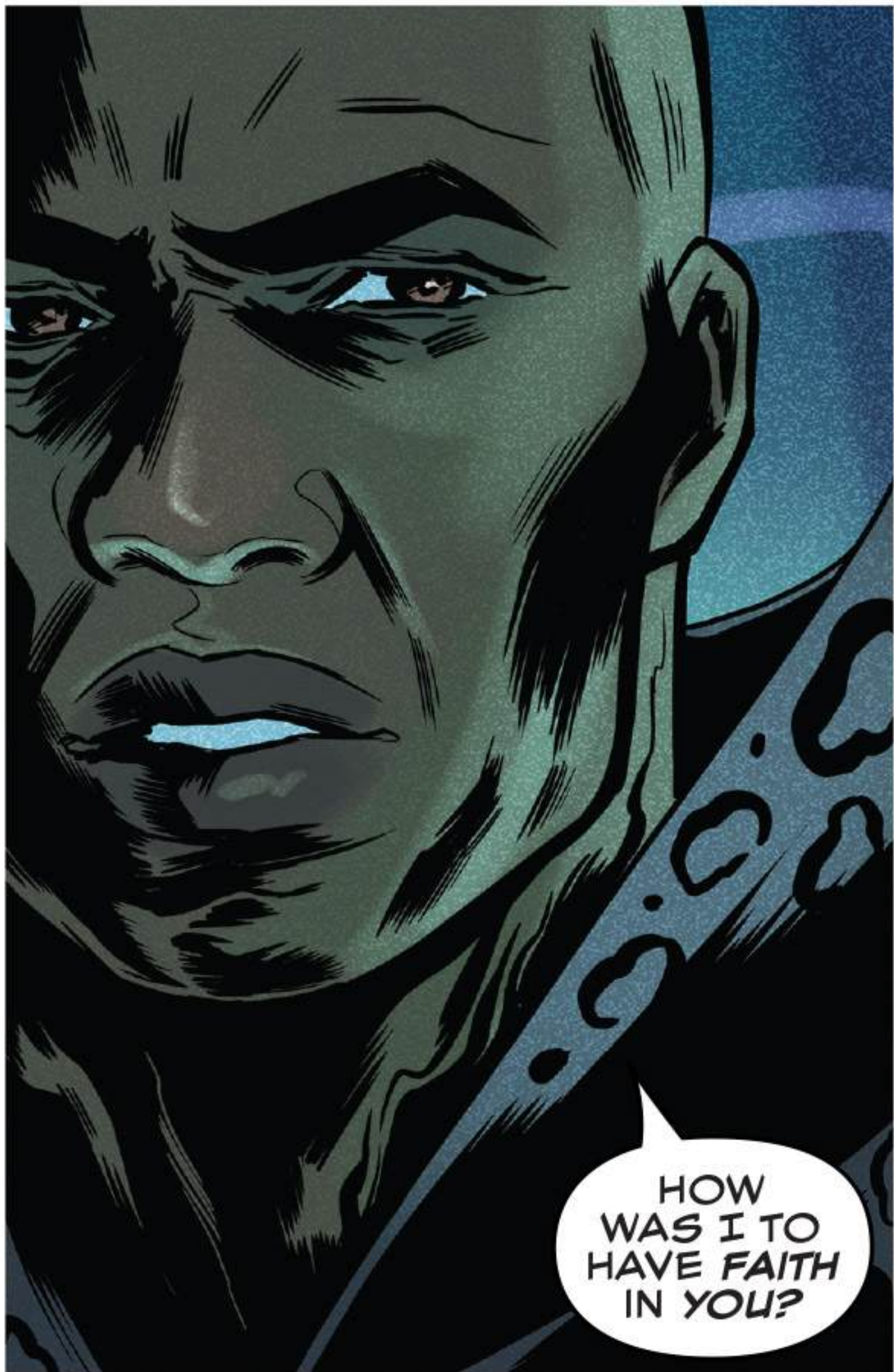


"--PUT THE BLADE WHERE IT BELONGS."



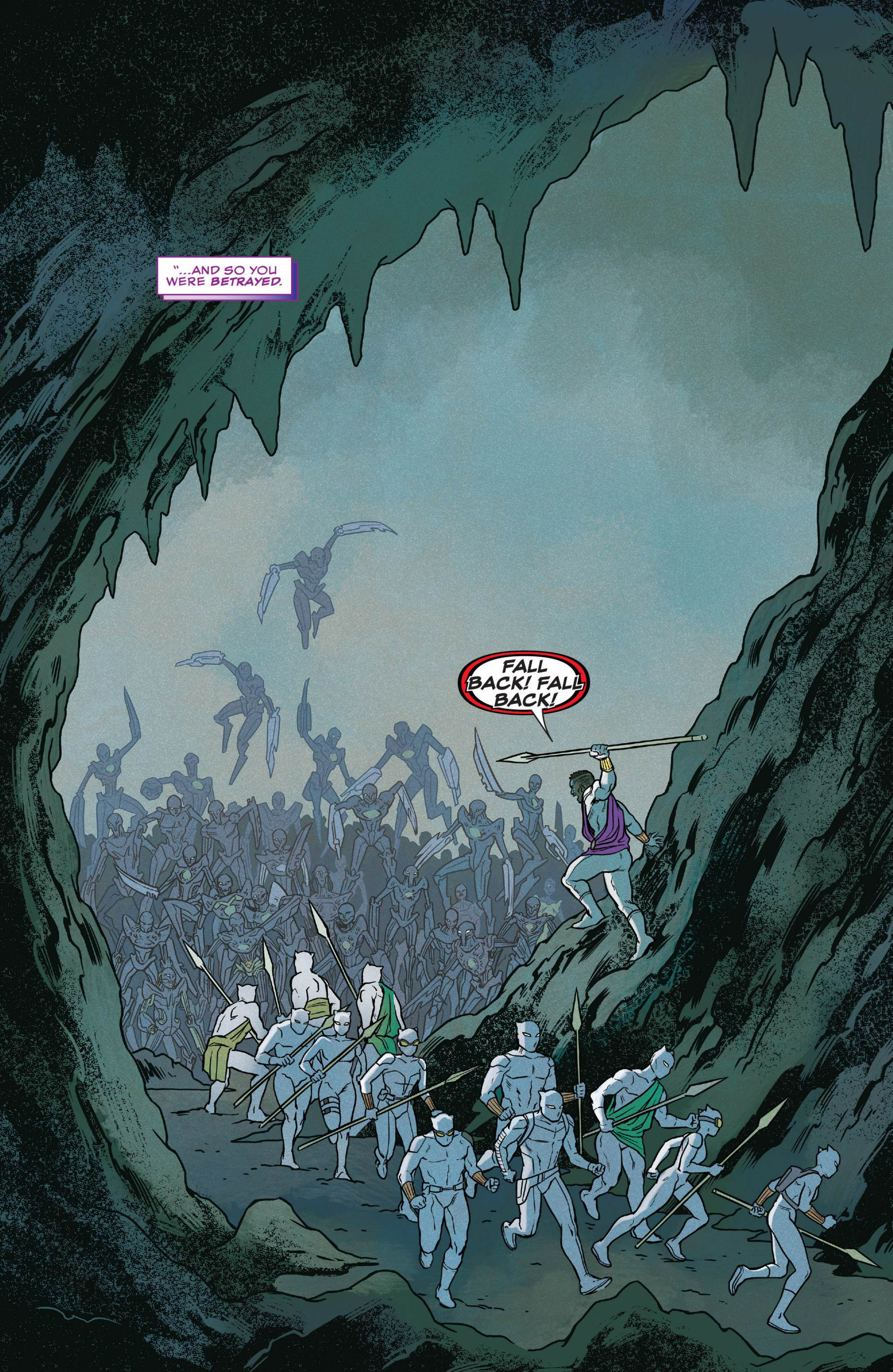
"DID I NOT WARN YOU, MY CHILD?"

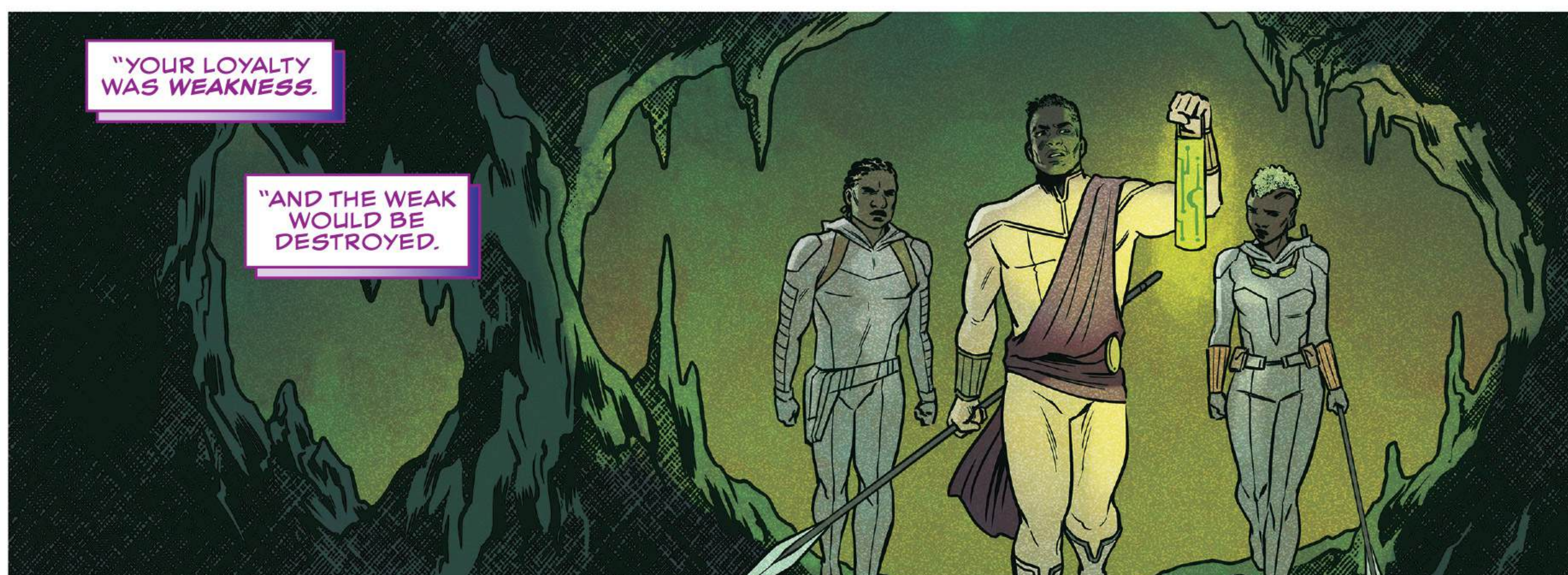




"...AND SO YOU
WERE BETRAYED."

FALL
BACK! FALL
BACK!



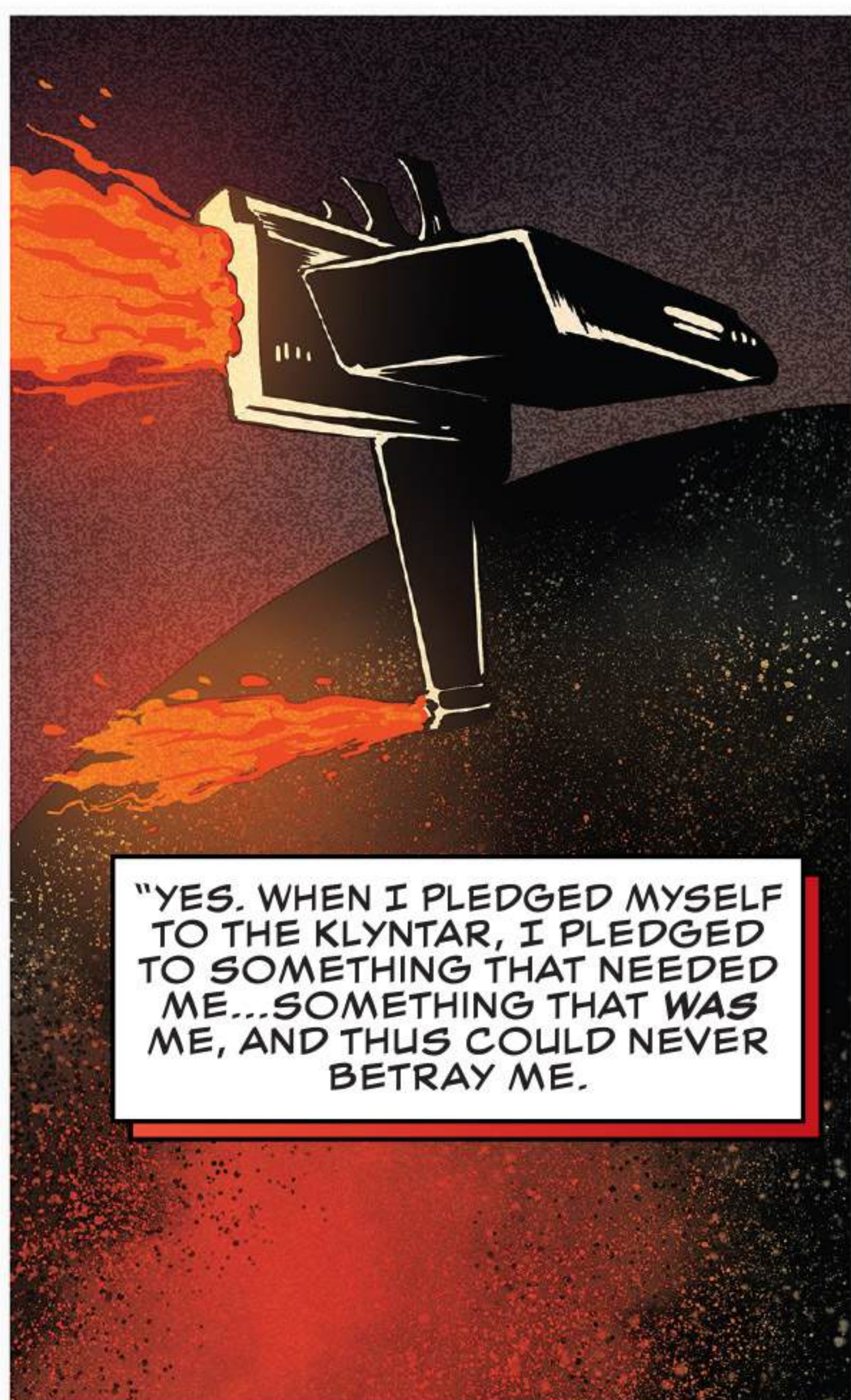




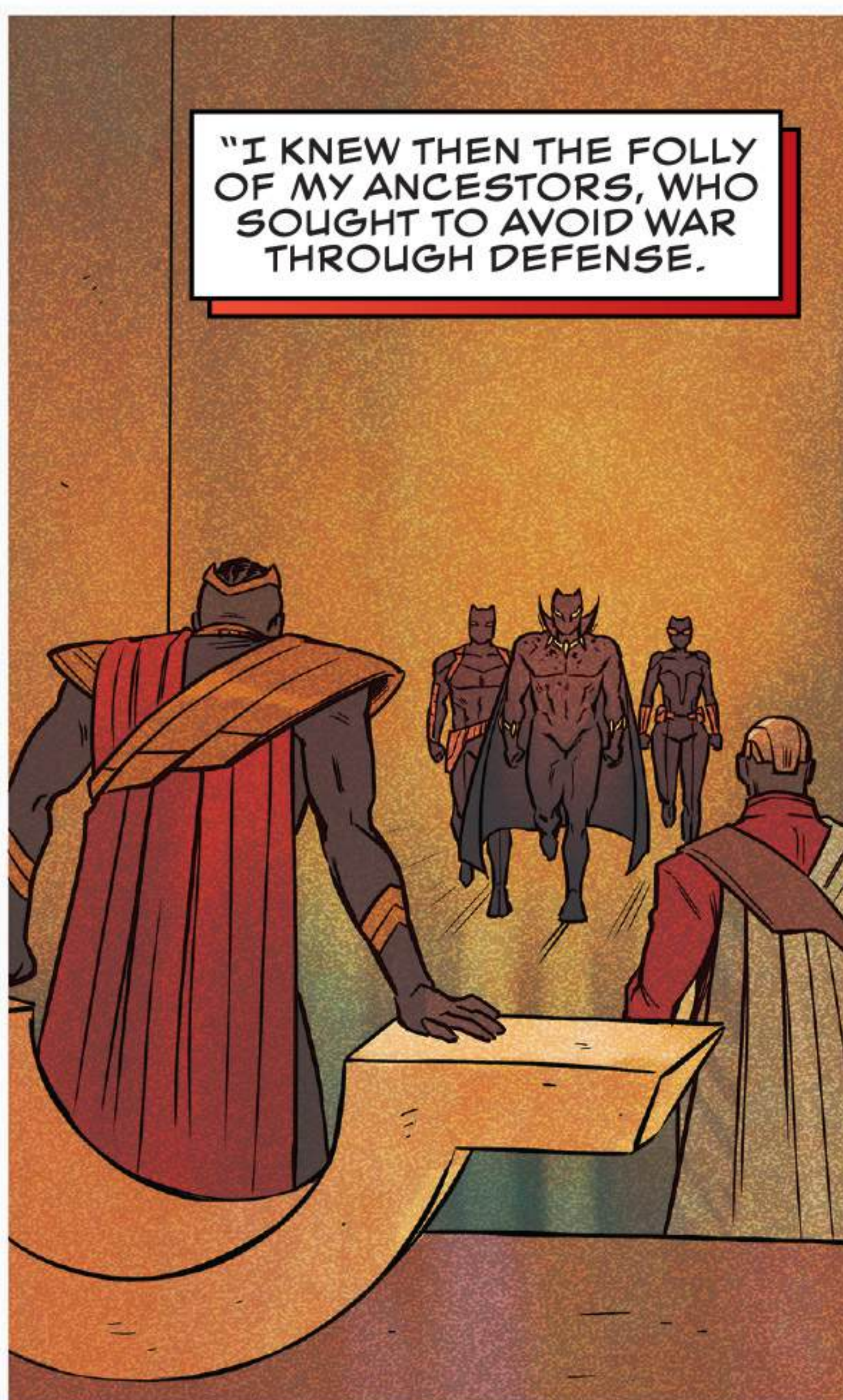
"THE KLYNTAR WERE NEARLY DRIVEN TO EXTINCTION BY THE EMPIRE."



"IN YOU, THEY FOUND A HOST. IN THEM, YOU FOUND STRENGTH."



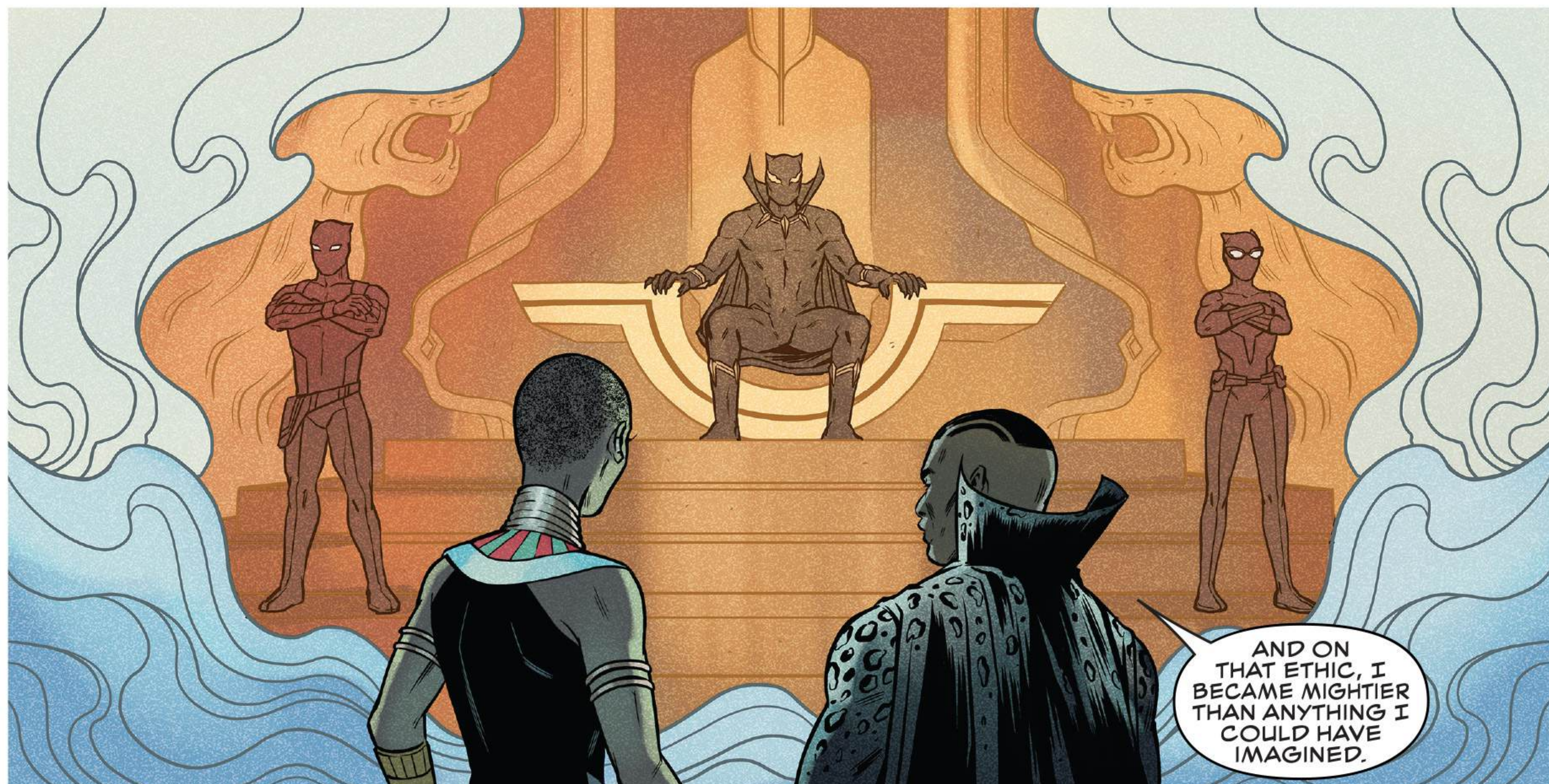
"YES. WHEN I PLEDGED MYSELF TO THE KLYNTAR, I PLEDGED TO SOMETHING THAT NEEDED ME... SOMETHING THAT WAS ME, AND THIS COULD NEVER BETRAY ME."



"I KNEW THEN THE FOLLY OF MY ANCESTORS, WHO SOUGHT TO AVOID WAR THROUGH DEFENSE."



"CONQUEST WAS THE ONLY DEFENSE."

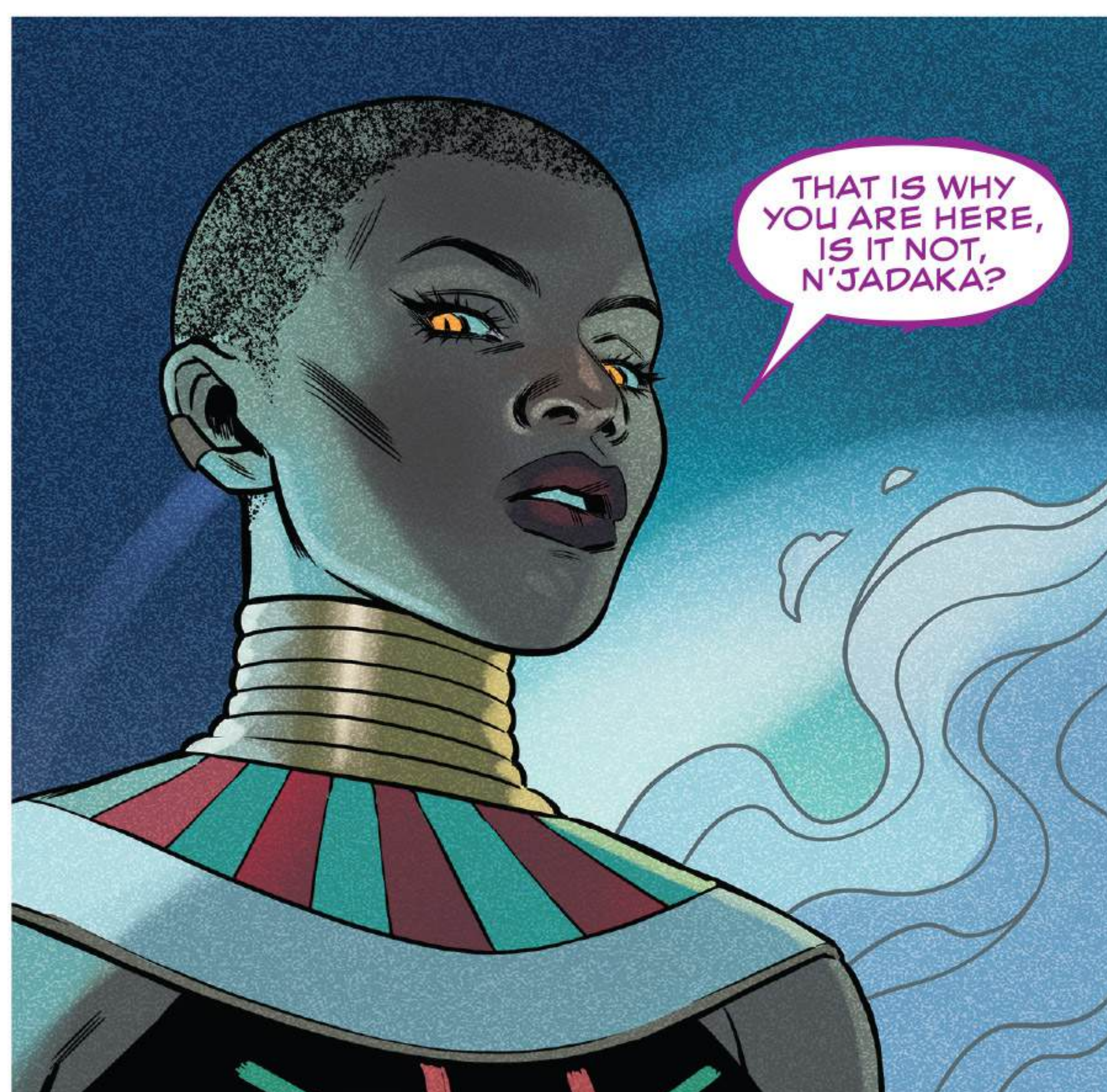


AND ON THAT ETHIC, I BECAME MIGHTIER THAN ANYTHING I COULD HAVE IMAGINED.

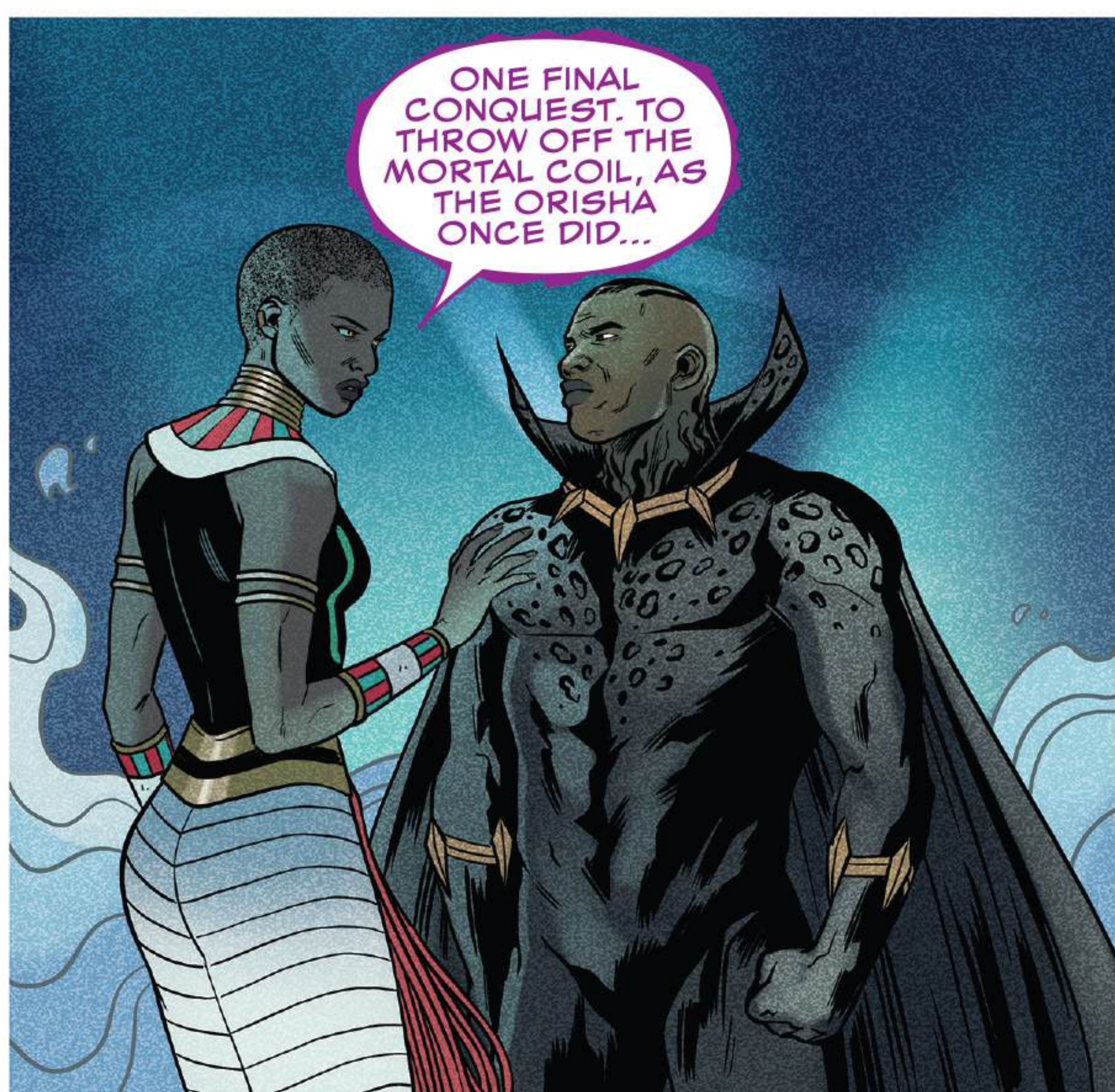


A SOLDIER NO MORE. AN EMPEROR.

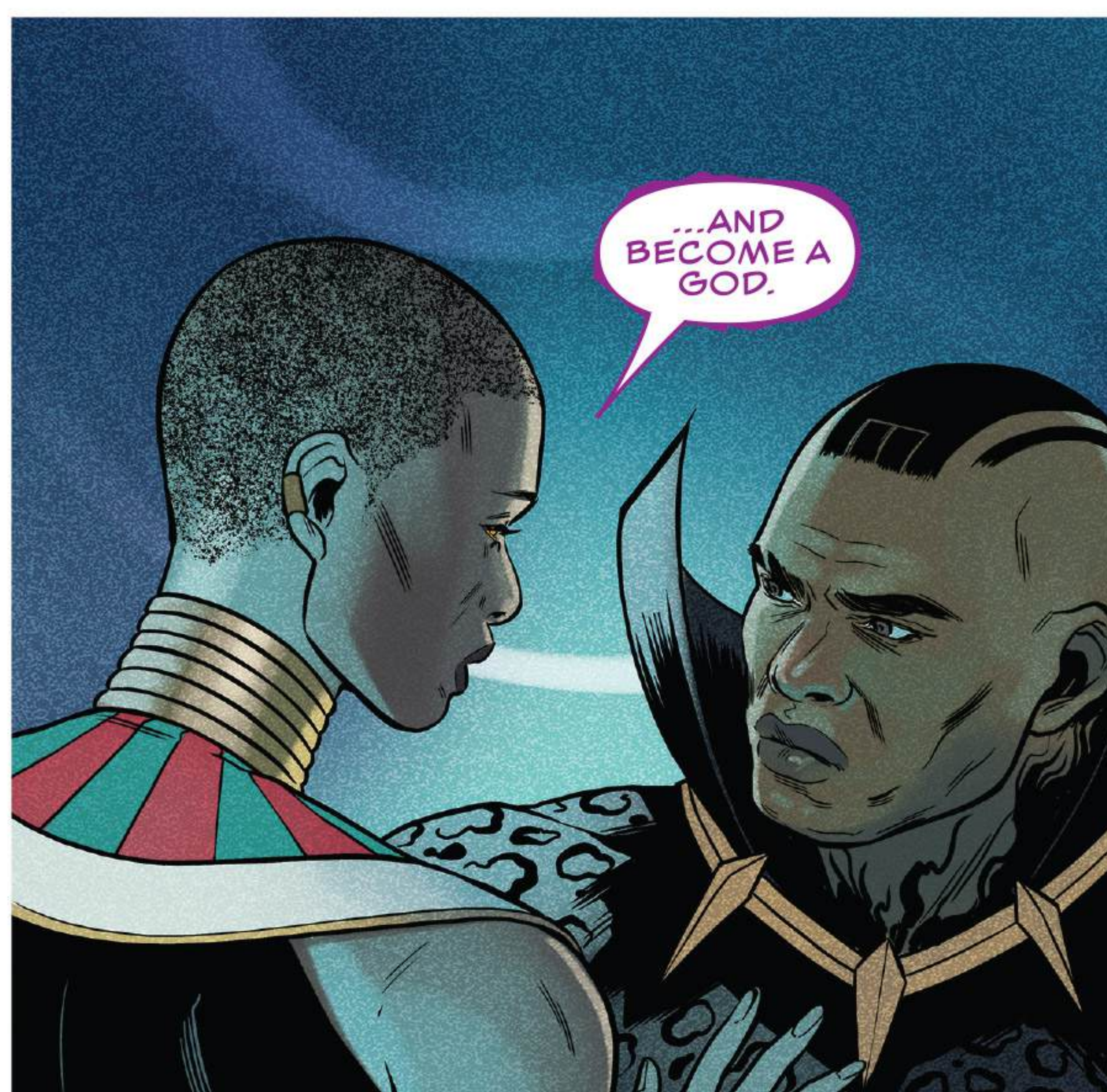
NO MERE AVATAR. BUT ONE WHO SEEKS GODHOOD HIMSELF.



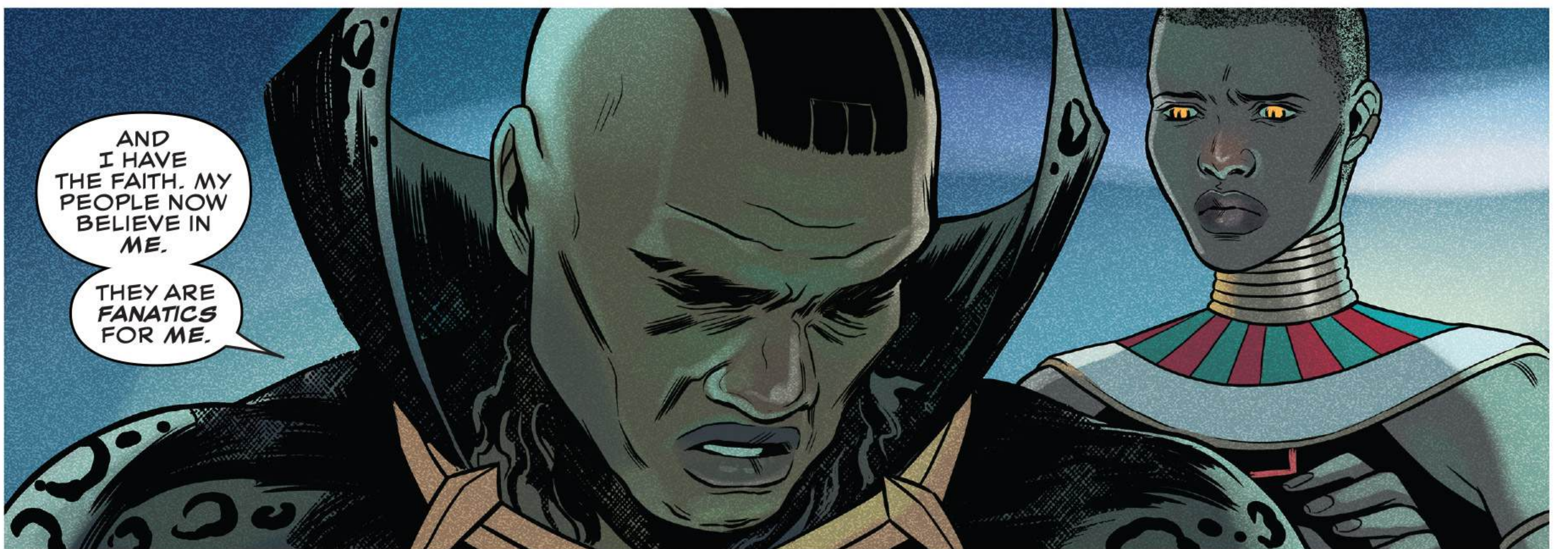
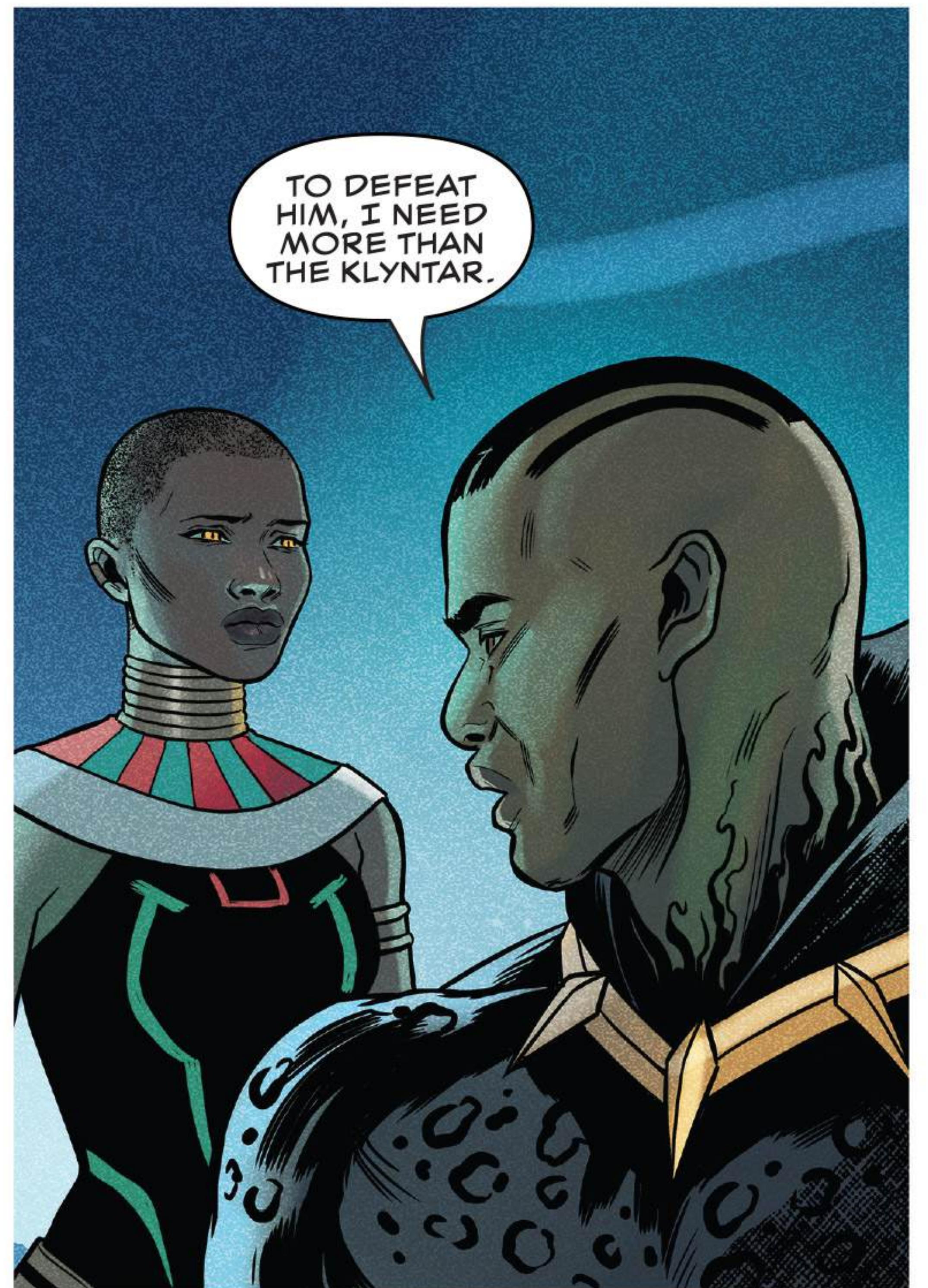
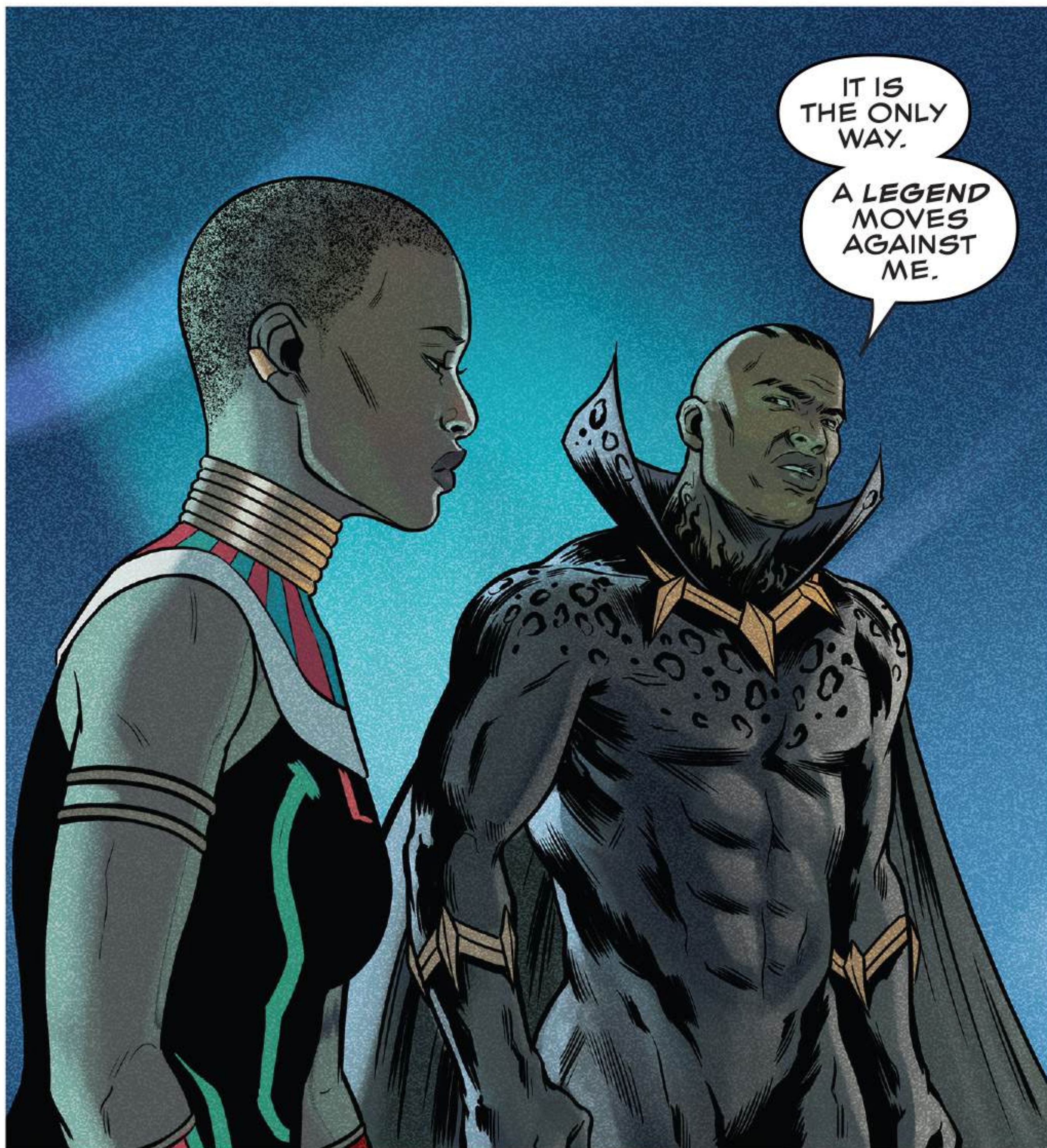
THAT IS WHY YOU ARE HERE, IS IT NOT, N'JADAKA?

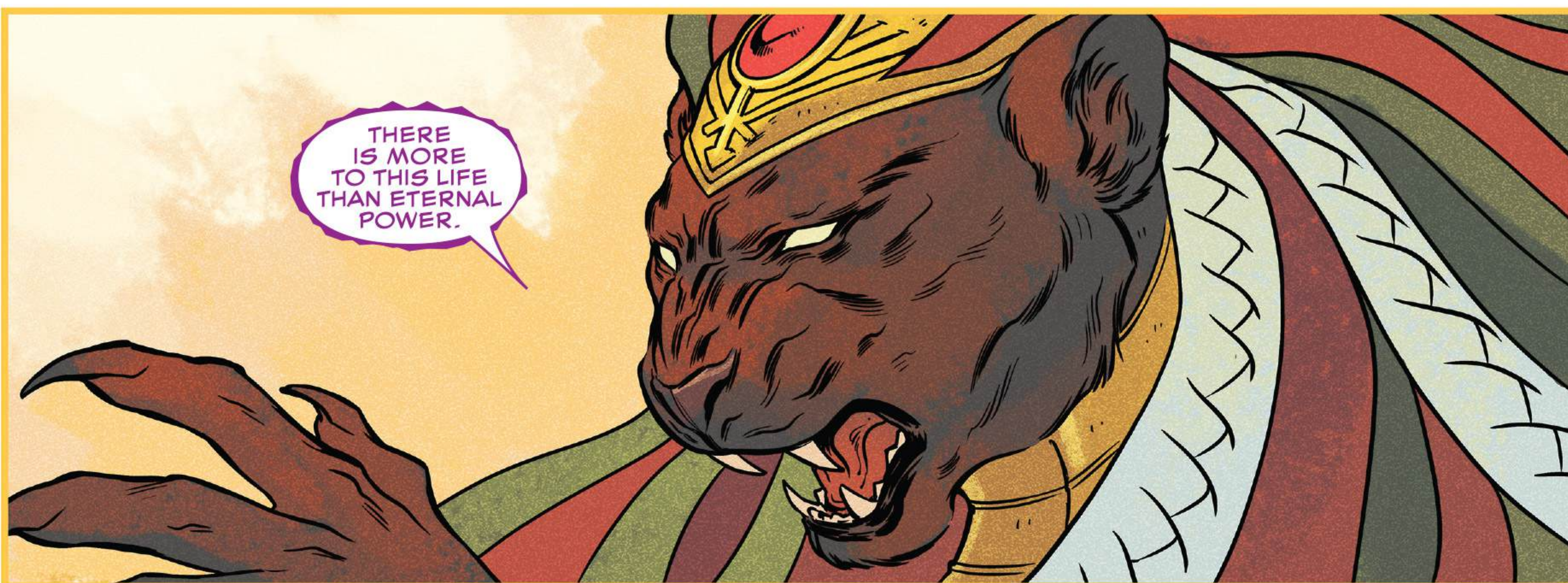
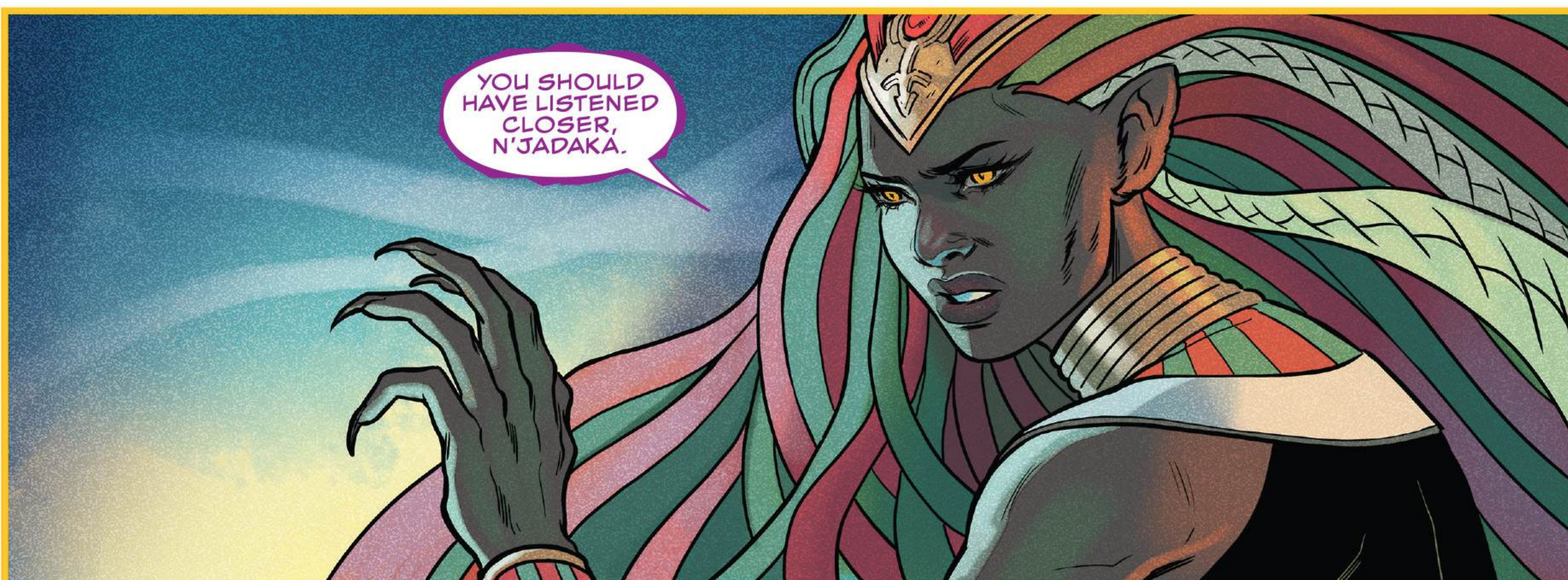


ONE FINAL CONQUEST. TO THROW OFF THE MORTAL COIL, AS THE ORISHA ONCE DID...



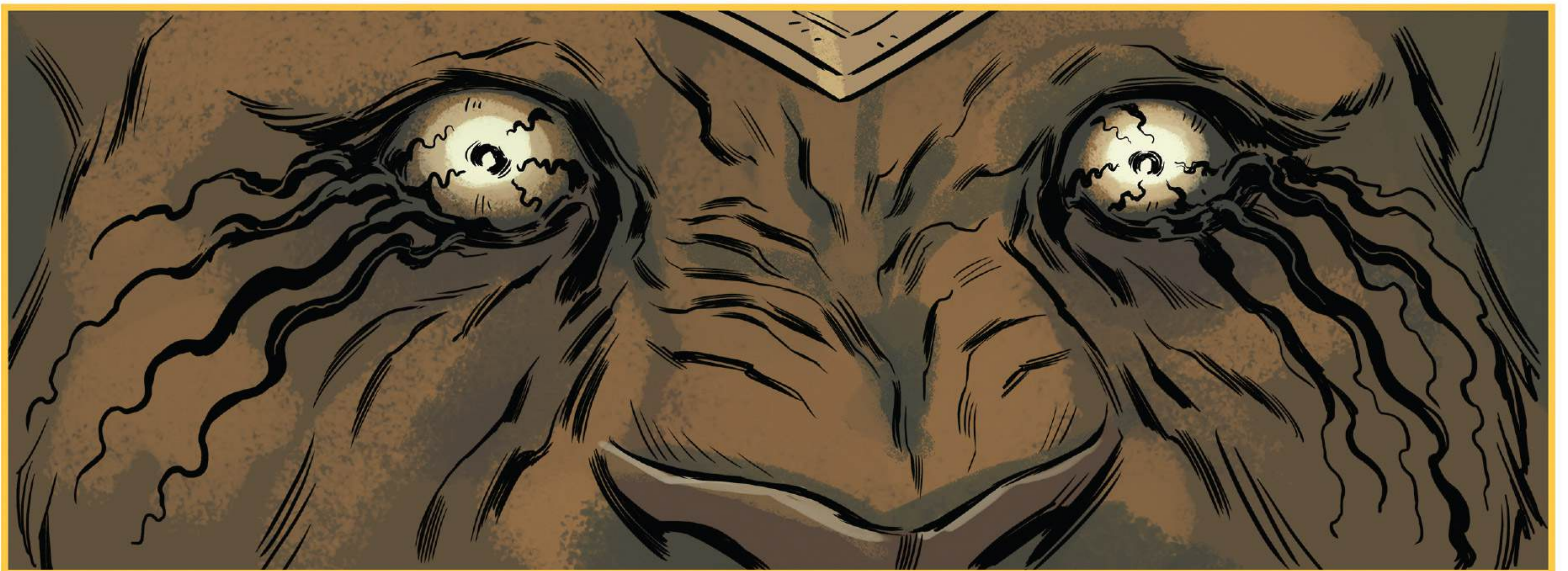
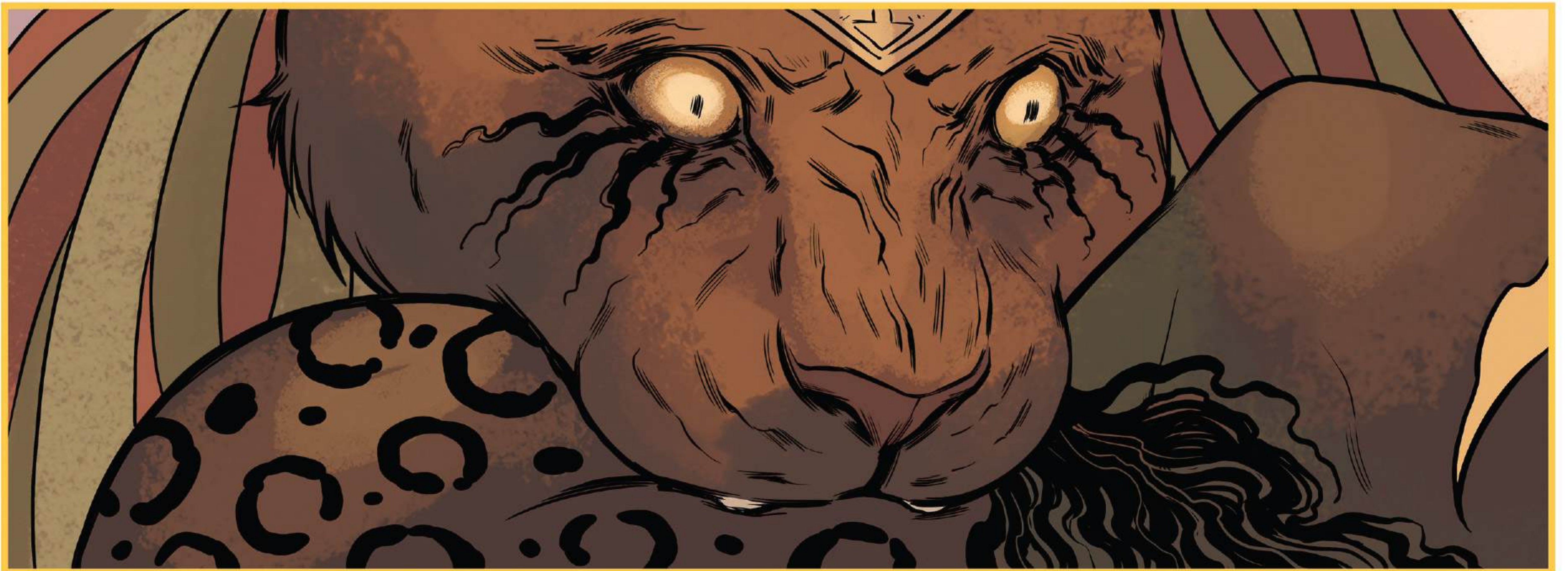
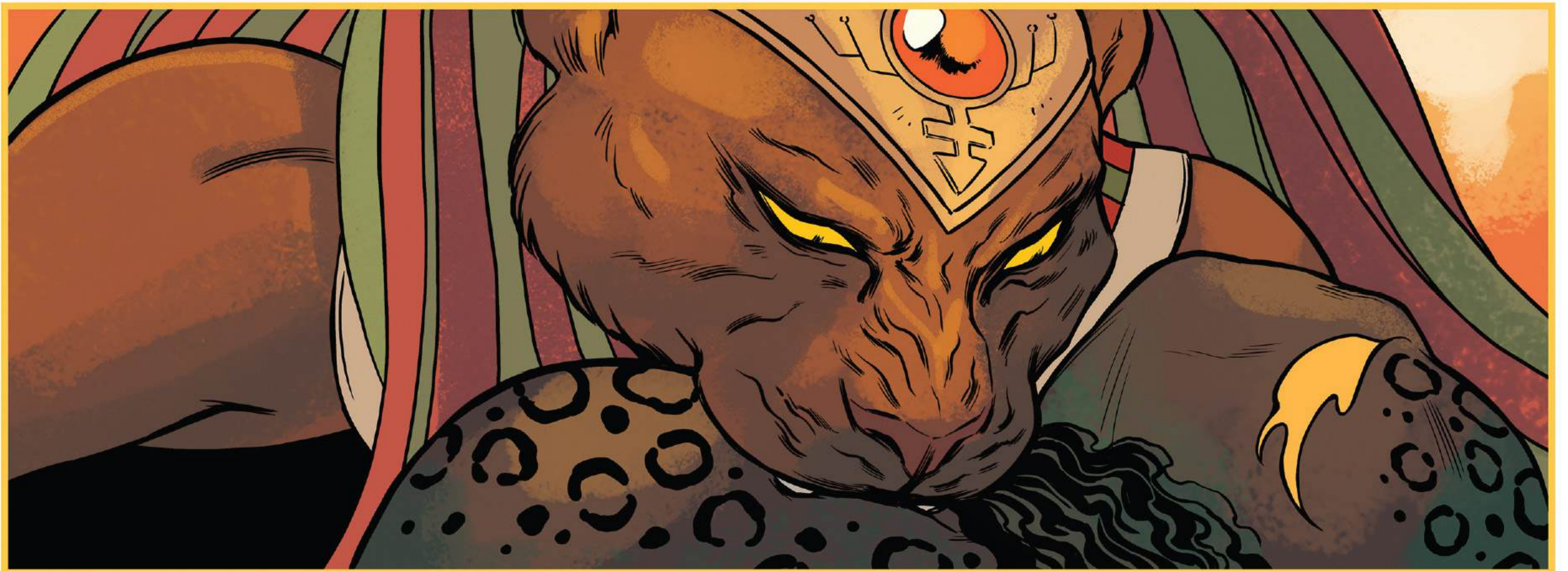
...AND BECOME A GOD.

















OCCUPYING THE FAR REACHES OF THE UNIVERSE, THE INTERGALACTIC EMPIRE OF WAKANDA IS A SPRAWLING IMPERIUM MADE UP OF FIVE STAR CLUSTERS.

THE EARLY WAKANDAN SETTLERS OF THE BENHAZIN SYSTEM WERE INITIALLY PEACEFUL, PREFERRING TO REMAIN AMONG THEIR OWN, AS WAS THE WAY OF THEIR FOREFATHERS. BUT A SERIES OF ATTEMPTED INVASIONS CONVINCED THE SETTLERS THAT SELF-DEFENSE WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH FOR THIS BARBARIC PORTION OF SPACE — PREVENTIVE STRIKES MUST BE MADE. THEN, AFTER THE WAKANDANS MASTERED THE TECHNOLOGY OF DEEP-SPACE PASSAGE, THOSE PREVENTIVE STRIKES BECAME PREVENTIVE OCCUPATION AND FINALLY PREVENTIVE CONQUEST.

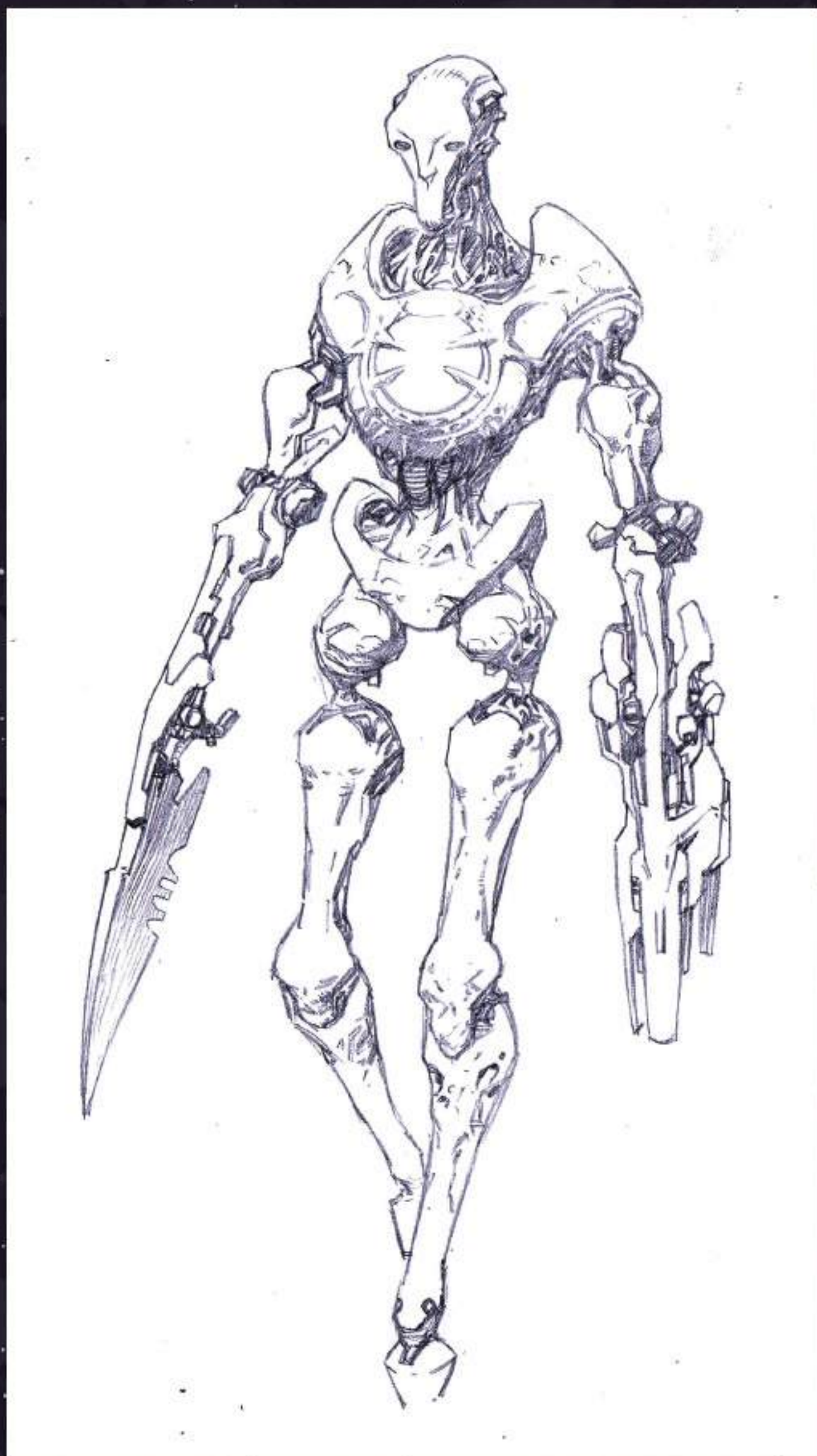
ARMED WITH SUPERIOR TECHNOLOGY AND A TYPICAL WAKANDAN FEROCITY IN BATTLE, THE CONQUERORS QUICKLY BECAME MASTERS OF THEIR CORNER OF THE UNIVERSE — AND THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THEY WILL SIMPLY SETTLE FOR THAT CORNER.

AS THE WAKANDANS CHANGED THEIR CORNER OF THE UNIVERSE, SO IT CHANGED THEM. UNTIL SOME...WERE BARELY WAKANDAN AT ALL.

EARLY IN IMPERIAL HISTORY, WAKANDANS MASTERED GENE THERAPY, ALLOWING WAKANDANS TO BE EXTREMELY LONG-LIVED. NOW ALL SUBJECTS OF THE EMPIRE UNDERGO THIS PROCESS AND NOT ONLY LIVE LONGER, BUT REMAIN IN THEIR PRIME FOR MOST OF THEIR LIVES. BUT ONE SECT OF IMPERIAL WAKANDANS DID NOT THINK THIS PRACTICE WENT FAR ENOUGH. THIS SECT EMBRACED THE FORBIDDEN PRACTICE OF TRANSCORPREALISM — THE TRANSMISSION OF THE “SELF” OUT OF THE FLESH AND INTO MACHINES. IMPERIAL WAKANDANS BELIEVED THIS PRACTICE TO OFFEND THE ORISHA AND THUS SCORNE THE BETWEEN.

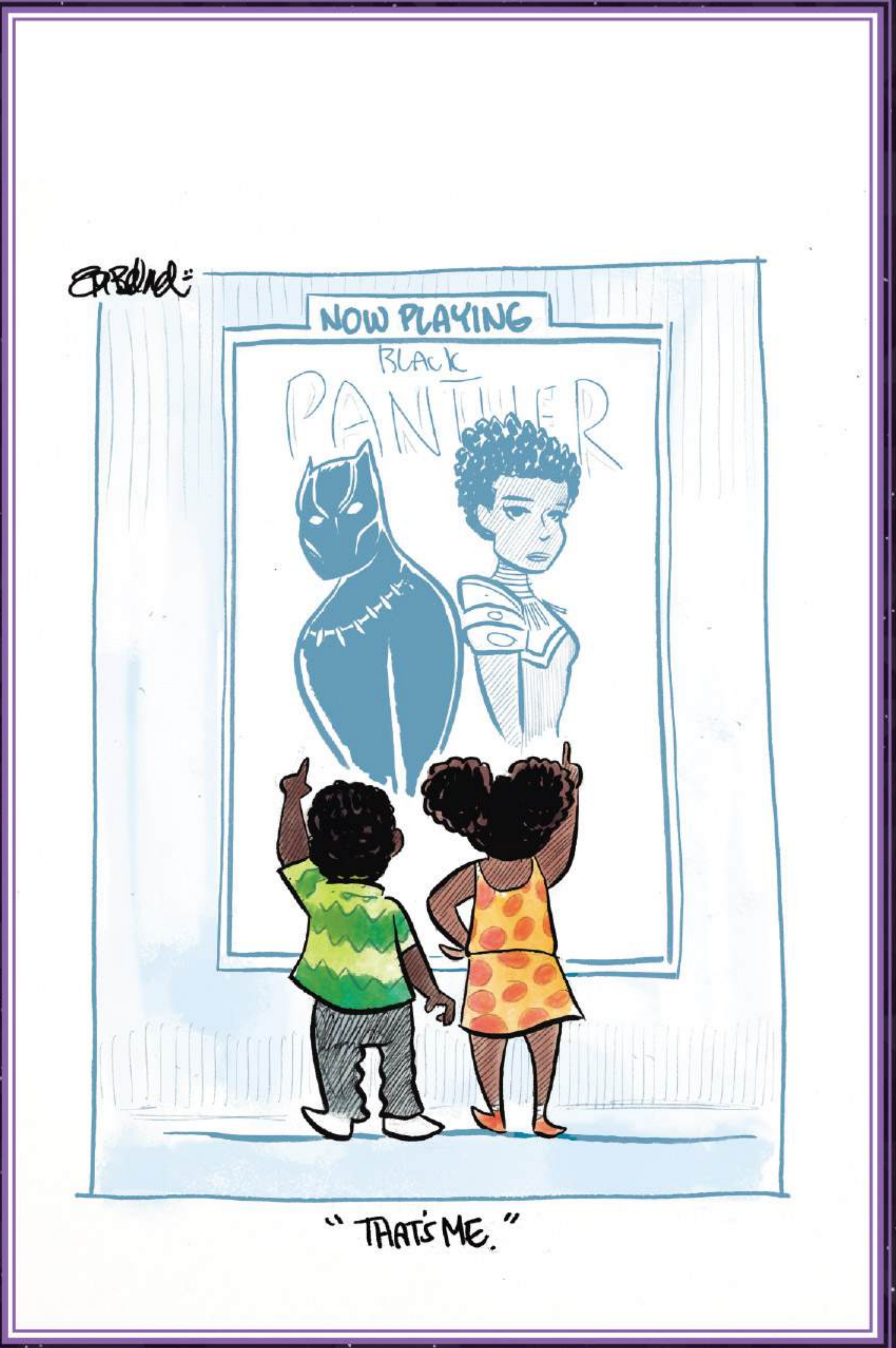
THE BETWEEN APPEAR AS VAGUELY HUMANOID BUT WITH COLD DEAD EYES. THEIR SKIN IS DEEP SILVER, AND THEIR BODIES ARE MADE OF A KIND OF MUTATED VIBRANIUM THAT ALLOWS THEIR LIMBS TO BE REFORMED INTO VARIOUS TOOLS — OR WEAPONS.

TAKE A LOOK AT DESIGNS FOR THE BETWEEN BY KEV WALKER, THE ARTIST OF OUR NEXT ARC. AND STAY TUNED FOR MORE ABOUT N’JADAKA AND HIS TAKEOVER OF THE EMPIRE — NEXT MONTH WILL BE FULL OF REVELATIONS!





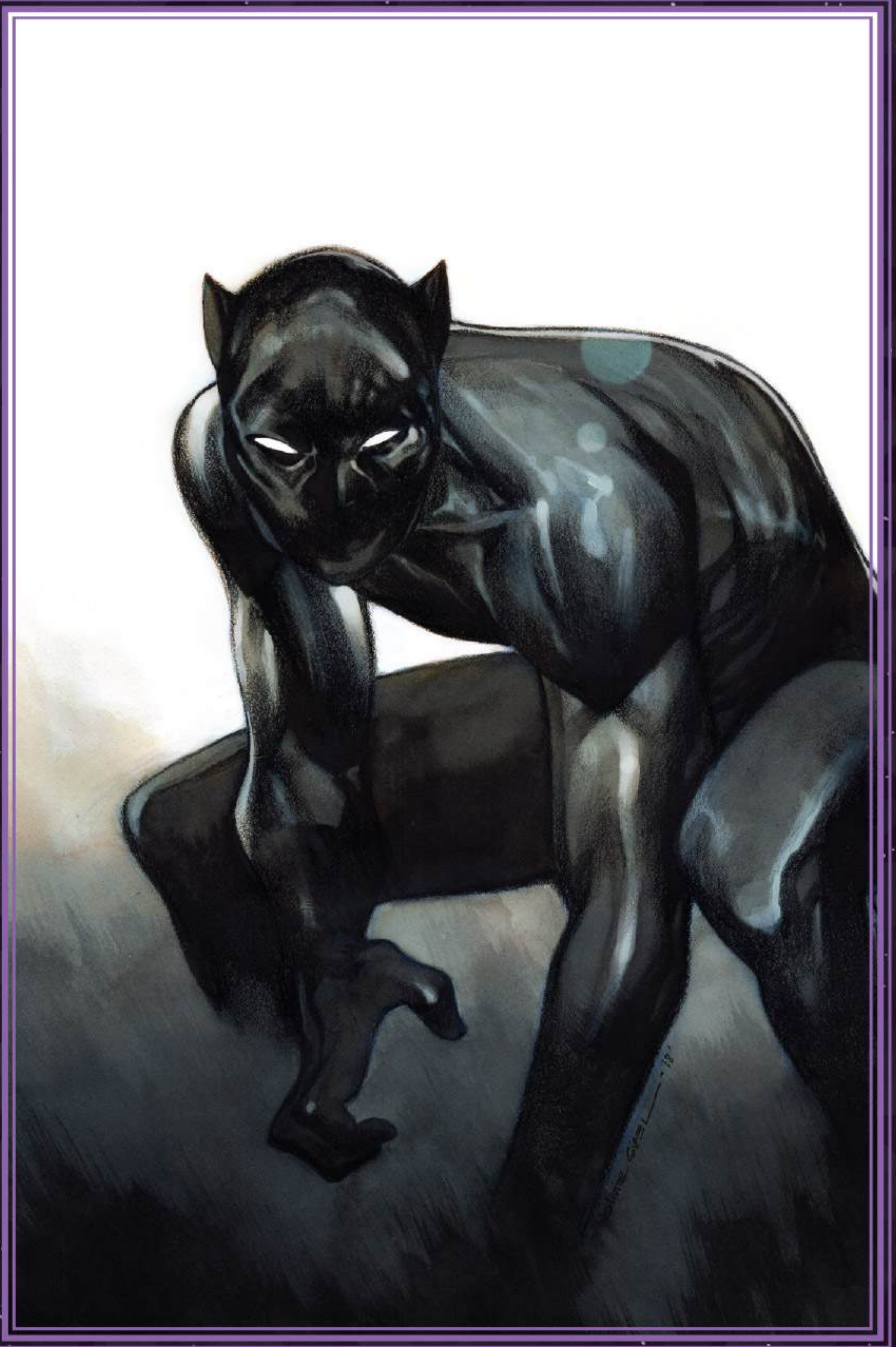
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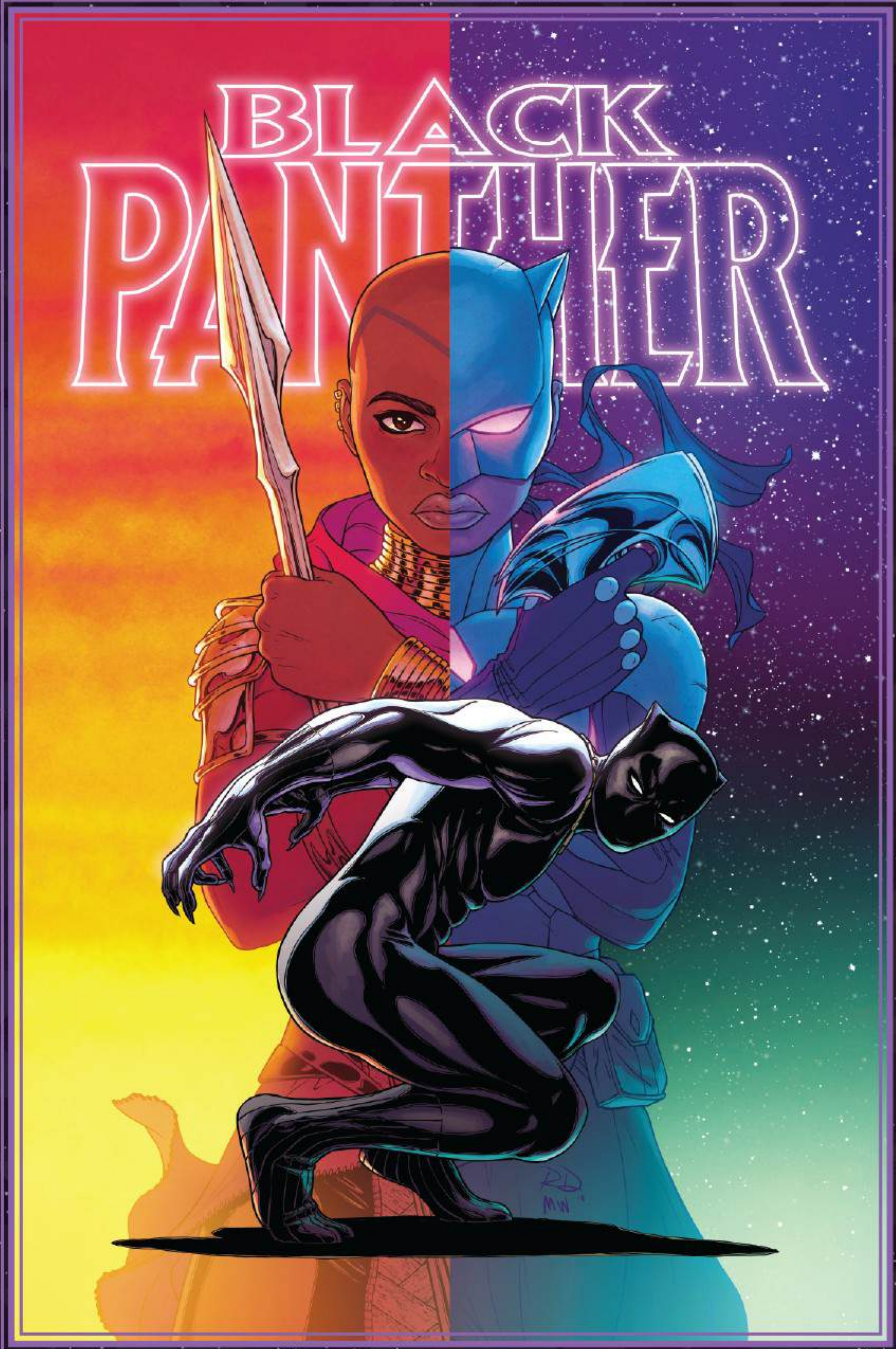
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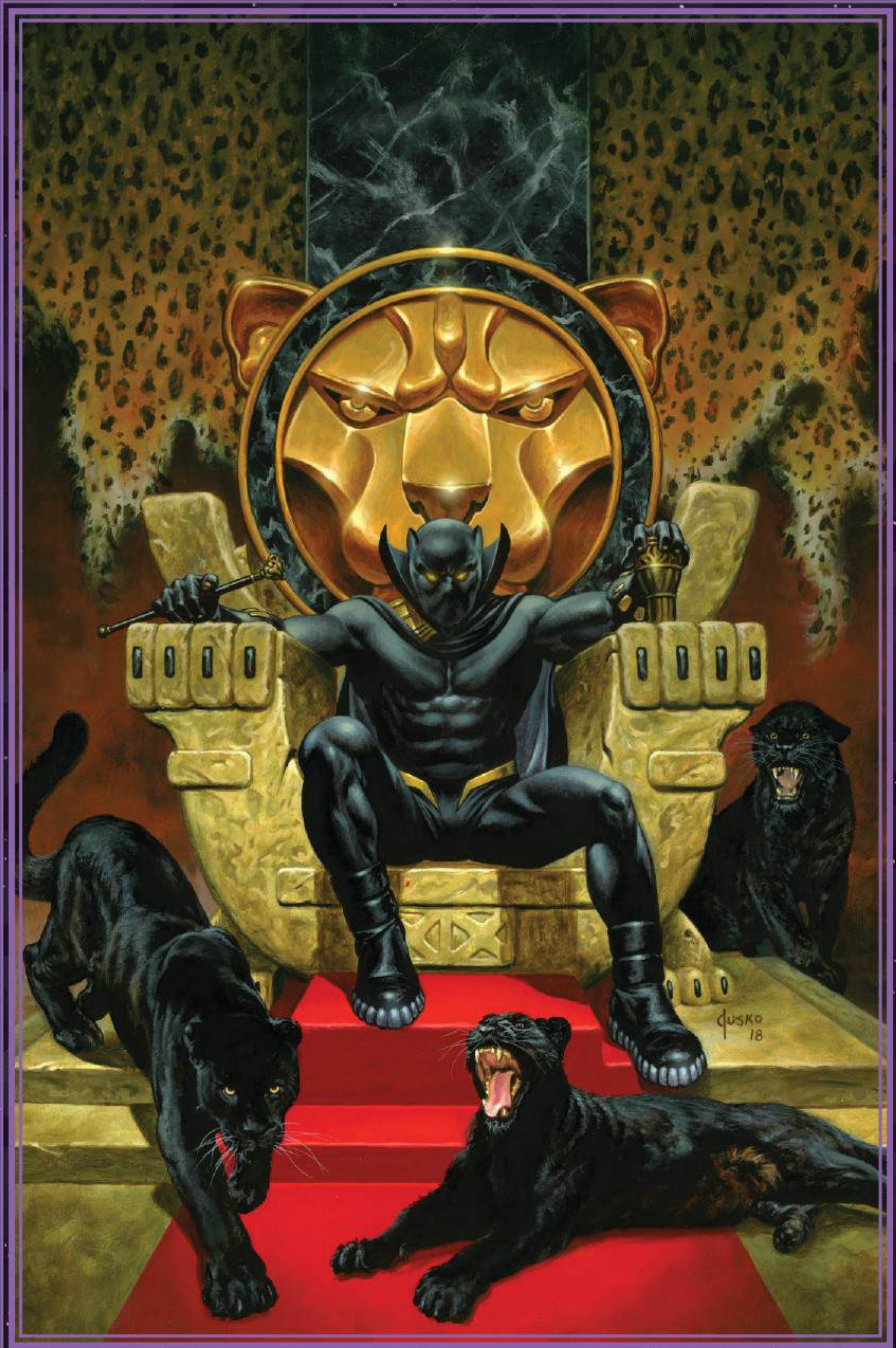
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